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## South Korea May Receive A Patriot Missile Shield

#### Clinton Approval Expected, as the North Has Threatened to Suspend Armistice

By Michael Gordon

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In a move that reflects the growing tension on the heavily armed Kore-an Peninsula, the Cinton administration is likely to ship Patriot anti-missile batteries to South Korea, senior administration officials said Tuesday

The dispatch of the anti-missile batteries was requested by General Gary E. Luck, the senior American commander in Korea, and is supported by the Pentagon.

President Bill Chnton has not yet formally approved the request, but senior officials said he was likely to do so. On Monday, the White House began quietly consulting the Congress

"I expect there will be a positive decision," a senior official said. In military terms, the case for sending the

Patriots is straightforward. North Korea has threatened to suspend the armistice on the Korean Pennsula if the United States pushes for economic sanctions to pressure Pyongyang to end its nuclear weapons program, a threat that U.S. military officers say

may be a bluff, but which they cannot afford to If North Korea attacked, U.S. intelligence officers say, Pyongyang would very likely launch its arsenal of Scut missiles at airfields and ports in South Korea to try to blunt American air attacks and slow the pace of allied reinforcements. The purpose of deploying the Patriot system would be to protect those installations by knocking the incoming missiles off course or destroying them in the air.

The Patriots deployed in Saudi Arabia dur-ing the Gulf War performed this narrow task reasonably well but were not effective in shield-

ing large populated areas from attack. Nonetheless, the Patriot decision has been a

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institive one for the Clinton administration and is fraught with political as well as diplomat-

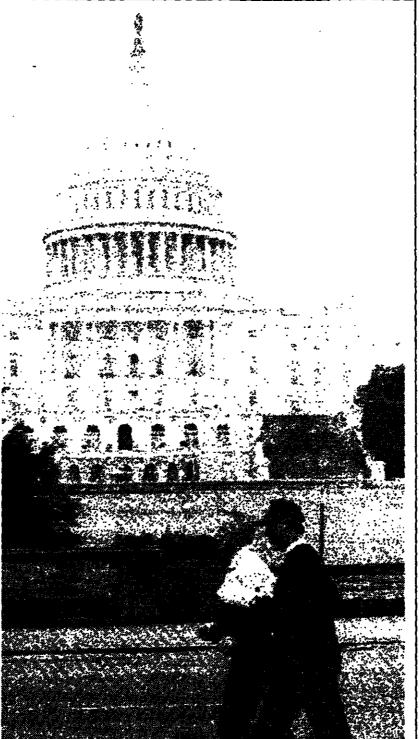
One the one hand, with 36,000 troops in Korea, the Clinton administration does not wish to be seen ignoring a request from military commanders. The administration's decision not to send the additional armor requested by American commanders in Somalia before the failed October Ranger raid exposed the White House to withering criticism and contributed to its decision to dismiss Defense Secretary Les

On the other hand, the administration has been involved in delicate talks with Pyongyang over inspections of the North's nuclear sites and appears apprehensive about taking an ac-tion that could be interpreted as reflecting pessimism about the talks and which may upset Washington's Asian allies, who have urged cau-

North Korea, which has issued a steady stream of bellicose statements, is also all but certain to denounce the deployment of Patriot missiles as a provocation. Pyongyang has rou-inely denounced the United States in the past for conducting annual Team Spirit exercises, which rehearse the reinforcement of the Korean

One U.S. general said the State Department had been wary of dispatching the Patriots to South Korea for fear of upsetting the talks with the North Koreans on the nuclear issue. As a result, the administration has been considering a fall-back plan under which the Patriots would be shipped to Japan, from where they could be quickly moved into South Korea in a crisis.

The talks over North Korea's nuclear proam have made little headway in recent weeks, as Pyongyang has rebuffed some of the de-mands by the International Atomic Energy Agency for detailed inspections at seven offi-



STATE OF THE UNION RUN-UP - President Clinton, with a guard, jogging Tuesday by the Capitol, where he was to give his State of the Union speech. Page 6.

# Dire U.S. Forecast For Ukraine Conflict

#### Analysis Fears an Ethnic Breakup, With Nuclear Arms Pledge at Risk

By Daniel Williams and R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Press Service
WASHINGTON — A U.S. intelligence report predicted that Ukraine's worsening economy would spark ethnic conflict that would split the country and create a new dispute over the fate of the nuclear weapons it has just agreed to

The classified analysis, formally called a National Intelligence Estimate, said if the current economic trend continued, a significant minority of Ukraine's population of 51 million would favor reunification with Russia — which, for all its economic and political troubles, is consid-

ered better off than Ukraine. The intelligence report forecast that the Ukrainian populace would then swiftly divide along ethnic and geographic lines, with the Russian minority in the country's eastern re-gion pressing for secession and the Ukrainian majority in the western region seeking not only to remain independent but also to prevent the eastern territory from returning to Moscow's

The result could be violence, possibly with Russia's military involvement, according to of-ficials familiar with the report.

"It wouldn't be peaceful," one official said. Any decision by the east to rejoin Russia would spark new interest by officials elsewhere in Ukraine in retaining at least some nuclear weapons to deter Russian hegemony, the report

The intelligence analysis was circulated in draft form to senior U.S. policymakers in early January and it "shook up a lot of people." an official said. It was finished on the eve of President Bill Clinton's departure for Moscow. where he signed an agreement in which Ukraine committed to give up its nuclear arms in ex-change for political and economic benefits.

[The Ukrainian parliament postponed a debase Tuesday on signing away its nuclear stock-pile in accordance with the treaty. Agence France-Presse reported from Kiev. There was no explanation given for the delay, and a parlia-ment press office spokesman would only say that the debate might take place Wednesday.)

"It has tempered optimism about the accord and made us focus on implementation as the next problem." an official said of the intelli-

The analysis was drafted by a national intelligence officer, George Kolt, and officials said its conclusions reflected a consensus in the intelligence community — including the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, and the National Security Agency.

The report essentially predicts that the Ukrainian economic reforms now being discussed by a high-level Ukrainian delegation in Washington will sputter and fail. The down economic outlook is not a major leap from present conditions — which include hyperin-flation of about 60 percent a month and insistence by Ukrainian leaders on avoiding the kind of economic shock therapy applied in many other former Communist states

The projections are considered significant not only because they raise the possibility of a change of heart on nuclear arms in Ukraine, but also because they may foreshadow develop-ments in Russia. Some U.S. officials fear that Moscow may wind up following a "Ukraine model" of development, and they cite the recent appointment of conservatives in the government of President Boris N. Yeltsin.

U.S. officials attribute Ukraine's woes partly to its reluctance to lift price controls or transfer state industries to private owners.

## Japan-U.S. Trade Talks Are Going Nowhere Fast

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — At the end of his Tokyo trip last July, President Bill Clinton sat along-side Japan's prime minister at the time, Kiichi Miyazawa, to announce that Washington and Tokyo had agreed on a new approach to solving trade disputes that marked "an important step toward a more balanced relationship" between

the two economic superpowers.

But now that accord, spelled out in a 10-page Framework for a New Economic Partnership," is looking more and more like the exercise in photo-opportunity diplomacy that exitics labeled it at the time.

U.S. and Japanese negotiators ended their latest round of talks here Tuesday with no visible signs of progress.

Fewer than three weeks remain before the president and Japan's current leader, Moribiro Hosokawa, are to meet in Washington to spell out how Japan should reduce its large trade surpluses by buying more foreign goods, and the two sides are still fighting over the funda-mental issues that divided them six months ago. Far from "partners," the United States and Japan seem like scarred adversaries who no longer trust each other's word.

the problem," said Jeffrey E. Garten, undersecretary of commerce for international trade. Barring a sudden compromise, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Hosokawa will be forced to try to paper over their differences again at their Feb.

11 meeting or admit failure. A breakdown

would cause the U.S. government to re-examine See TRADE, Page 6

# Reform in Tokyo: Devil's in the Details

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service TOKYO — For five years now Japan has immersed itself in a circular national argument over how to reinvent a political system that runs on rivers of cash. In the interim, four prime ministers have fallen, and a fifth, Moribiro Hosokawa, may be consumed later this week by the very system he vowed to tame.

political reform, what they mean depends on who is doing the talking. As Mr. Hosokawa the other day as he struggled to understand,

makes a last-ditch effort to revive the reform legislation that was defeated in the upper house of parliament on Friday, a fundamental question has been lost in the mists: Will the bills

**NEWS ANALYSIS** everyone is arguing about really change any-

thing?
"This is the question I keep asking everybody

American politician But when Japanese talk about seift kaku, of in town," the best-known American politician

along with 120 million Japanese, why the government seems about to fall. "So far, here's my

answer: Nobody has a chie." There are two distinct parts to the reform plan. The first is a series of anti-corruption measures designed to limit campaign donations, and it looks quite familiar to Americans. The other, a radical change in the way electoral districts are carved up, is so Byzantine, so filled with tales of surreptitious plots to obtain or hold power -- in short, so wonderfully Japa-

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## Russia Sharpens Its Tone To Neighbors and West

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times 5

MOSCOW - A year ago, Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev stunned an international conference in Stockholm with a saber-rattling anti-Western speech that for a brief moment had diplomats thinking that Russia had reverted to its old imperialist ways.

A half-hour later, Mr. Kozyrev announced that the speech had been a ruse, calculated to alert the world to the dangers posed by the nationalist opposition to President Boris N.

In those days, the nationalist opposition was just a glimmer on the political horizon here. Today, it not only occupies a significant share of the seats in Russia's new parliament, but many of its favorite foreign policy themes, including some of those so effectively drama-

tized by Mr. Kozyrev in Stockholm, have been adopted by the Yeltsin government.

"We are now feeling that what he said in Stockholm is becoming the official policy of the Russian federation," said Juri Kalin, Estonia's ambassador to Russia. In recent weeks, Russia has denounced talk of bringing the three Baltic countries into NATO and restated claims to special peacekeeping rights in the former Soviet Union, touching on two themes raised by Mr.

Kozyrev in that startling address on Dec. 14,

A third came up on Friday in the lower house of parliament, where a majority of lawmakers called for the lifting of international sanctions against Serbia, whose cause in Bosnia is warmly endorsed by Russia's ultranationalists.

Even before the gains by nationalists and Communists in elections Dec. 12, the Russian government was speaking to the West and its neighbors in more aggressive tones. Governments in Eastern Europe are still riled by what they see as Russia's efforts to veto their entry into NATO, while the other former republics of the Soviet Union increasingly feel that Moscow

is defining the terms of their existence.
Once identified by Mr. Yeltsin's hard-line opposition as the chief architect of a slavishly -Western policy, Mr. Kozyrev now chides the West for failing to understand Russia's "special role" in what was the Soviet Union.

That, Mr. Kozyrev said, is not imperialism, but reality. About 25 million ethnic Russians live outside Russia's borders, and Moscow feels obliged to defend their interests. An estimated 200,000 Russian troops are still stationed abroad, some of them with the agreement of the local governments, some of them the subject of

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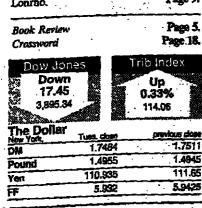
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#### Italian Magnate **Enters Politics**

ROME (Reuters) -- Silvio Beriusconi, a media magnate and one of the country's richest men, will enter Italian politics on Wednesday at the head of the center-right Forza Italia movement, his Canale 5 tele-vision network reported Tuesday.

It said the entrepreneur, 57, would resign as chairman of his media corpire, ninvest, to concentrate on campaigning for the March general election. "Berlus-coni has decided," the report said. Tomorrow he will formally announce his decision to enter the fray with Forza Italia."

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## Enthusiasm Wanes for Borderless Europe Computer Glitch Blamed for Latest Delay in Schengen Deal

By Tom Buerkle

nal Herald Tribune BRUSSELS -- A year after Europe launched its single market with great fanfare, Europeans are still far from enjoying the same freedom to move about their continent as are, say, car parts or spare cash.

The so-called Schengen group of nine EU countries conceded Tuesday that it would miss a Tuesday deadline for eliminating internal border controls, the latest in more than a year

Even if the group can fulfill its borderless promise in the months ahead, there is no immediate prospect that the three holdouts from the ngen agreement - Britain, Ireland and nark - will join the group and relax their much tougher border control

A computer software glitch has been blamed for the current delay, but critics say that's just

an excuse for countries whose real fears are immigration and crime. "I'm sure there are other reasons, too," said Amédée Turner, chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties and

The failure to eliminate controls means more than continued annoying delays at airport passport checkpoints. It undermines one of the EU's primary goals: the free circulation of services, capital and people.

"You can't have the other three freedoms without the fourth," said Tony Venables, director of the Euro-Citizen Action Service, which is lobbying for a border-free Europe. Surveys by the European Commission, the Union's executive agency, also show that talk of European unity is empty for most people unless the barriers to their own movement come down.

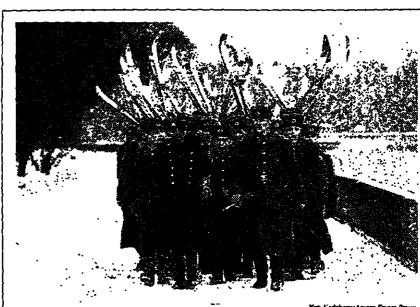
More important, critics say, at a time of record unemployment, the continuation of bor-

der controls and various other legal and administrative impediments are preventing workers from moving to seek jobs in healthier regions. "Visible and hidden barriers to people moving around the Union really now are as impor-tant as barriers to goods and capital," Mr.

Countries that have signed the Schengen pact insist they overcame all political obstacles to open borders in November, when France ap-proved a constitutional amendment allowing the government to turn back asylum-seekers

rejected by other EU countries. The only problem now, they say, is a technical glitch in a massive data bank designed to allow external border guards to screen entrants against a list of several hundred thousand undesirables, mainly criminal suspects and rejected asylum seekers. National computer networks

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SKI DETAIL IN MOSCOW - A group of Russian soldiers, their skis in hand, on a routine training march on Tuesday along the snowy banks of the Moscow River.

## Japan Gets Ready to Explore Space — on Its Own

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TANEGISHIMA, Japan - In 1543, a Portuguese ship bound for Macao was blown off course and landed on this island, exposing the isolated Japanese for the first time to the gun. In a low years, Japanese craftsmen were making muskets simenor to those of the Portuguess.

Four and a half centuries later, this site in southern Japan will again be the scene of an effort to match the West. On Feb. l, Japan plans to launch its first major rocket built without

reliance on U.S. technology, marking, in some sense, its arrival in the top her of space-faring nations.

The technologically sophisticated H-II is the first Japanese rocket that will be able to hoist large communication and earth observation satellites into orbit, and it will allow Japan to enter the communication has been been as in communication with firms the commercial lannching business in competition with firms in America, Russia, China and France. The H-II will also serve as the mainstay of Japan's space program for the next two decades, paving the way for the possible development of the nation's own space shuttle.

With the completion of the H-II rocket, we have built the foundation for our space activities," said Dr. Tomifumi Godai, executive director in charge of launching vehicles at the Na-

tional Space Development Agency of Japan, or NASDA. The rocket could also help Japan develop as a military power. The missile would have an intercontinental reach and could be adapted to carry a weapon. In addition, freed of restrictions that came with reliance on American technology, Japan will be able to launch any satellites it wants to, including military ones. There has been some desire for the nation to have its own recommissance satellite, though there are no

concrete plans for this yet. But there are still many doubts about whether the rocket will fulfill its purpose and about Japan's future in space. The H-II program, which cost about \$2.4 billion, was bedeviled by problems, including an explosion that killed a worker, putting the initial launching at least two years behind schedule and raising questions about whether Japan will be able to

maintain its record of never having failed in a satellite launch-

And while the H-II is technically ambitious - it weighs about half as much as a France's Ariane 4 rocket but can hoist the same 4,400-pound satellite into geostationary orbit - it is also expensive. It will cost about twice as much to launch a satellite with the H-II as with a rocket from France's Arianespace, making it difficult for Japan to compete in the commercial launching business.

As for Japan's role in space, one of the main functions of the H-II is expected to be to launch the Hope, a small, unmanned shuttle that would deliver supplies to a space station and then return to Earth and land automatically.

The maiden flight of the H-II will be used to launch the Orbital Re-entry Experiment Vehicle, or OREX, a flyingsaucer-shaped device that is essentially the nose come of the envisioned shuttle. OREX will circle the earth once and then land in the Pacific, testing the technology that will be used to protect the Hope from the heat of re-entry. It will become the first object to be retrieved by Japan after orbiting Earth.

But while spending on the Hope is expected to begin in the

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## Michael Jackson **Settles Lawsuit**

SANTA MONICA, California - A lawyer for the 14-year-old boy who has accused Michael Jackson of sexually molesting him said Tuesday that the pop superstar agreed to a settlement in return

for his dropping the civil lawsuit.
"Both parties have agreed that the lawsuit should be resolved," Larry Feldman. the boy's attorney, said.

Attorneys for both sides said the terms of the settlement were confidential, but reports have said that the boy could be paid as little as \$5 million or as much as \$40 million under the deal.

Mr. Feldman and two attorneys for Mr. See JACKSON, Page 6

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

RABAT. Morocco - Morocco is a country where human rights violations have been commonplace and where speaking against the king is a risk few dare to take. But after two decades in secret prisons in Morocco. Maria-Inan Oufkir feels that she has little to lose. Her family's name is one that people in Morocco will pronounce only in a whisper. For almost 20 years, the family has been imprisoned by King Hassan II, said Miss Outkir, a slight 32-year-old woman, who

recounted their story in recent interviews. Her nightmare began at the age of 11 when she was whisked into a windowless vehicle and driven into Morocco's southern desert to a prison created especially for the wife and six children of General Mohammed Oufkir. Their crime? Being part of the wrong

General Oulkir, a former defense minister and long the king's closest associate, ordered the strafing of the royal Boeing by air force jets on Aug. 16, 1972. The king survived. By that evening, General Outkir was dead. By the official account, he committed suicide after accepting responsibility for the assassination

The 'Imprisoned' Foreigners

Fear of Algeria Extremists Makes Life Harsh

U.S. diplomats are permitted to

dine out only at one major hotel, which is well-guarded. The Ameri-

can school has gone from 75 to 25

Despite U.S. Embassy urgings that Americans leave, about 400

remain, working largely in the oil and gas industry. No Americans

The 75,000-strong French com-

munity here, which includes 55,000

with dual nationality, feels vulnera-ble. Of the 27 foreigners killed so far, four were French nationals. In an interview with the Arab

magazine Al Wasat, an Armed Is-

lamic Group spokesman in Pesha-war, Pakistan, claimed responsibil-

ity for killing the foreigners, calling

them "part of the blasphemous co-

lonialist plot," and "the regime's

It is unclear if there are ties be-

tween the Armed Islamic Group

and the Islamic Salvation Front,

Algeria's largest Islamic party, and there is no way to verify the Armed

Islamic Group's claims of responsi-bility for the killings, for which the government blames "terrorists."

But some diplomats and foreign

residents say some of those killed

may have been victims of ordinary

said in an interview: "We don't

Prime Minister Rehda Malek

crime, which is on the rise.

economic backbone."

have been killed.

"But the bullets," said a Western diplomat who has followed the case, "were in General Outkir's back and

By Caryle Murphy

Washington Past Service
ALGIERS — Au American

working for a U.S. oil firm broke

the lease on his home here last week and moved to a hotel, which he also

made his "office." The purpose of

"They're not going to come and storm the hotel," he said, referring

to Islamic extremists who have or

dered all foreigners out of Algeria

under threat of death and who

claim to have killed 26 of them

Being a foreigner in Algeria these

days means accepting a austere life and a spy's tradecraft: varying

work hours, altering routes, shun-

Egypt Gets Trade Deal

Tied to PLO Self-Rule

Agence France-Presse

CAIRO — Egypt and the Pales-tine Liberation Organization

signed an economic accord Tues-

day granting special rights for

Egyptian goods and companies af-

ter Palestinian autonomy is put

The five-year accord was signed

by Foreign Minister Amr Moussa

and the head of the PLO's political

department, Farouk Kaddoumi.

The pact calls for the two sides to

study setting up a free-trade zone

in the border town of Rafah on the

into effect

Gaza Strip.

the move was to stay alive.

that at least 300 and perhaps as many as 700 political

opponents of the king have vanished King Hassan's treatment of the Oufkir family, and others seen as inimical to the government, now pose a delicate problem for the United States and other Western countries.

The king's diplomatic importance has increased since the Israeli-Palestinian agreement in September, and so has the pressure to overlook the intermittent violations of human rights that have characterized his 33-year-old reign.

Western diplomats say that the king continues to work quietly to coax Arab countries, particularly Sau-di Arabia, into closer ties with Israel. Morocco, while refraining from diplomatic recognition of Israel, is extending business ties, opening phone lines, and starting flights between the two countries.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel have paid calls, and the king is expected to visit Washington this

The Oulkir case is one where amnesia rather suits the West," a European diplomat said. "There are diplomatic priorities, after all. Morocco is playing a key role in Middle East peace efforts."
Nonetheless, the United States does try to prod

strife, officials note.

or chosen specific victims.

has pulled out, according to a Eu-

tractors because "a lot of people

boycotted by five of the six biggest

parties, The Associated Press re-

ported from Algiers.

Despite the boycott, delegates

were sent by labor unions, profes-

sional groups and civic associa-tions, as well as dozens of minor

political parties. The conference is

intended to establish a transitional

government that would guide Alge-

Algeria has been ruled for the

past two years by a five-man High

Committee of State, installed after the army canceled a second round

of parliamentary elections that the

Islamic Salvation Front was win-

■ Conference on Crisis

the back of his head." In all, Western officials estimate that at least 300 and perhaps as many as 700 political posed at the Interior Ministry, a report on abuses is prepared annually. In response, the king recently created a new post, deputy minister for human rights, albeit one widely viewed as having no budget, staff, or mandate.

The government will not comment formally on the Outkir case. But a senior official close to the king who insisted on anonymity said the affair was one in which Hassan would not be swayed.

Gilles Perrault, a French journalist, has said that the Oufkir family has been pursued with "an inextinguishable desire for vengeance that is beyond any logic." The persecution began on Dec. 23, 1972, when, after a few months under house arrest in Rabat, they were taken to a series of prisons. At one, the family was held

blindfolded for a year. "For 15 years," Miss Outkir said, "we never saw anyone except guards with machine guns." In 1977, they were moved to a farm converted into a

Conditions grew worse. Miss Oufkir and her three sisters shared one tiny windowless cell. They were beaten and made to clean up their own excrement. There was little food and no exercise. Both Miss Oufkir's mother, Fatima, and her brother, Raouf, attempted suicide.

the others walk circles around them," Miss Oufkir said. "We walked kilometers that way. We were close to starving, and hunger reduces you to something lower than the ground. It is a vicious state in which no man relation is possible."

Finally, in April 1987, with her weight down to 60 pounds, Miss Outkir and three of her shlings escaped through a tunnel they had painstakingly dug. Five days later, they were arrested in Tangier. But they were able, during their brief flight, to make contact with a Paris-based lawyer, Bernard Dartevelle.

"I saw them briefly in Tangier, in a pitiable state, but was then arrested myself and thrown out of Morocco," Mr. Dartevelle recalled. He said he and a colleague began negotiations with the king for the family to leave for Canada.

By October 1987, the Canadian authorities had agreed to receive the Outkirs, money had been deposited in a Canadian bank, and a flight was prepared for Oct. 27. At the last minute, however, the king, whose prison at Bir Idid, about 30 miles south of Casablanca. power is absolute, reneged without explanation.

Instead, the Outkirs were placed under house arrest

in Marrakesh, where they fived in relative comfort, until 1991, when they were released. No official declaration was made at the time of their release, just as no explanation was ever given for their captivity.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

Mideast Peace Talks Shun Public Eye

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors continued Tuesday, with negotiators meeting at secret locations in hopes that removing them from the public eye would make for The 11 previous rounds of discussions were held at the State Depart-

ment, with negotiators sometimes issuing daily statements on what had occurred. This round of talks has been limited to delegation heads. sometimes accompanied by experts.

Israeli negotiators met Tuesday with representatives of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization. This week's talks

ended the four-month break that followed the September signing of a

German Judge in Presidential Race

peace accord between Israel and the PLO.

MUNICH (Remers) — Germany's top judge, Roman Herzog, threw his hat into the ring officially on Tucsday in the presidential campaign to succeed President Richard von Weizsäcker.

In a letter to the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of hanceflor Helmar Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, the president of the Constitutional Court said he was prepared to run. Both parties have already come out for Mr. Herzog, 59, and there was little doubt that he would accept their nomination.

Clinton Urges Wider Nuclear Test Ban

GENEVA (AP) — President Bill Clinton arged international negotia-tors Tuesday to make a pact banning all nuclear test explosions a top In a message read at the start of the annual Conference on Disanna-ment. Mr. Clinton said such a treaty would bolster efforts to counter the threat of the spread of nuclear weapons and would make the world safer.

The 38-country disarmament conference will meet intermittently through September. Congress has set September 1996 as a target for a permanent end to nuclear trials.

North Korea Warned on Inspection

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a key meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency approaching next month, time is running out for North Korea to make good on its promise to allow nuclear inspections, a senior administration official said Tuesday.

The United States is virtually certain to seek United Nations sanction if the impasse in North Korea's negotiations with the agency is not broken very soon, he said. A day earlier, he cited the upcoming Feb. 22 meeting of the agency's board of governors as critical.

India Offers Peace Steps to Pakistan

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India has offered a series of confidence-NEW DELTH (Reduces) — mans has a constant building measures, including a pledge that it will not be the first to make a nuclear strike, to ease tensions with Pakistan, officials said Tuesday. They said the six proposals were given to Pakistan's high commissions.

Riaz Khokhar, in New Delhi on Monday, shortly before Prime
Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan hotly criticized India over Kashmir.

Diplomats said the Indian proposals, apart from the nuclear offer, were not new and were unlikely to improve relations. "Rhutto's speech was clearly aimed at building up Kashmir as an international issue and indicated that she had no intention of moving towards a deal with India at this stage," a Western diplomat said. Rebels in Peace Overtures.

MEXICO CITY (AFP) — The rebel group that carried out a New Year's uprising in the southern state of Chiapas pledged Tuesday to respect Mexico's electoral process, outlined an agenda for peace talks and said it was freeing a kidnapped former governor.

The Zapatista National Liberation Army made the statements in

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response to conditions set by the government's negotiator.

A short time later, it was announced that President Carlos Salinas de Gostani had departed for Tuxtla Gutiérrez, the Chiapas state capital, to meet with local peasant and Indian organizations.

#### ning strangers. "We live like in a big prison," complained one diplomat from a small European embas-Scores of Algerians also are being killed each week in the current The danger for foreigners here is much graver than in Egypt, where slamic radicals are targeting tourists and have killed three, but have not ordered all foreigners to leave So far, none of the 21 international oil companies operating here ropean manager, but some have run into difficulties getting subcon-A national conference that opened Tuesday to steer Algeria out of its bloody political crisis was

END OF AN ERA — Madeleine Renaud, 93, arriving Tuesday at the Passy cemetery in Paris for the burial of her husband, the celebrated mime, actor and director Jean-Louis Barrault.

## Sad Finale for Austria's 'State Operetta'

VIENNA - President Thomas Klestil of Austria ended his 37-year marriage and bowed to separation from his mistress on Tuesday in a bitter denouement to what Mayor Helmut Zilk of Vien-na dubbed a "state operetta."

After five days of pressure over a scandal that threatened his position as head of state, Mr. Klestil, 61, announced that he had failed to repair a broken relationship with his wife, Edith, and would now live permanently separated from her.

At the same time, his office said that a presidential aide, Margot Loffler, 39, named in the media as Mr. Klestil's mistress, had asked for a Foreign Ministry assignment abroad.

His spokesman said Mr. Klestil, a former diplomat, regretted Miss Löffler's step and hoped she would stay on as long as needed to help her

Mr. Kestil's wife left him earlier this month, The revelations about his affair took his 20-month-old presidency to the brink of political destruction.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Pedaling a Bit of Asia in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (AP) - A student group as launching a fleet of pedicabs to see how they cope with this city's narrow and crowded streets.

Bicycles are already the vehicle of choice in this nation, and the students from the Haarless Business School think pedal-powered taxis

will add mobility here.

The five pedicabs — tricycles with two seats behind the driver — will ply the streets in a mue-day trial next month. The 16 student cabbies will charge an initial three guilder (\$1.50) pickup fee plus 30 Dutch cents (16 U.S. cents) for every 100 yards. That is about half what normal tasks

The Supreme Court rejected as siding industry attack on airport landing tees in a ruling that could strengthen the hand of airports seeking to exact more revenue from commercial airline operations. (NYT)

Hotels and restaurants on Spain's Raiseric Islands of Minorca, Majorca, Ibiza and Formentera are hoping for a good year in 1994. Numbers have been recovering for the last two years, and in 1994 could equal the 1989 record of 7.5 million, a tourism official said. (Resters)

About 1,000 Greek casino workers threatened to strike if the government goes ahead with a plan to privatize three state-run casinos and sell licenses to operate six new ones.

Japan Air System, Japan's third largest airline, said Tuesday it would suspend its unprofitable Tokyo-Honolulu flights June 1 as part of a restructuring plan aimed at reducing losses.

## France Blames U.S. for the Stalemate in Bosnia

ria toward elections.

PARIS — The United States is content to let the 21-month ua citar on and does not realize the con of its refusal to play an active diplomatic role in ending it, Foreign Minister Alain Juppe has asserted.

Mr. Juppé clashed with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on Monday over a French request that the Clinton administration pressure the Bosnian government to accept a European peace plan dividing Bosnia-Herzegovina along ethnic lines. He said that he had laid out a dire scenario for Mr. Christopher: the withdrawal of United Nations peacekeepers and the spread of war to the entire region. The peacekeeping mandate runs out in the spring.

"I told the secretary that the humanitarian track is not enough," Mr. Juppé said. "The only way we can reach a

political settlement is to join efforts - the Europeans, the Americans and the Russians - and put pressure on all three parties to sign an agreement, even if it is not exactly what the Europeans have proposed."

If the Americans do not convince the Bosnian Muslims that they must stop fighting and that there is no chance that the United States would come to their rescue, then the United States will give them incentives to pursue the fighting on the ground," he said.

to our American friends that they will be responsible for pressure the three factions, in particular the Muslims, to

But in Washington, President Bill Clinton said: "I don't ernment has rejected the plan stop people within that nation from their civil war until they

Mr. Juppe's comments highlight a widening rift as the two countries, along with the other North Atlantic Treaty Orga-nization allies, grope for ways to stop the war and relieve the suffering of the Bosnian people.
"Warren Christopher told me today that there were six

children killed in Sarajevo, and at the same time he told me everything was going well with the NATO initiative in New York," Mr. Juppe said, "He said, just wait and see. Well, a wait-and-see policy is no longer possible for moral and

For a time last year, it was the Americans who threatened air strikes to back up a plan to arm the Bosnian Muslims, who dominate the government, and it was the French among others, who opposed them. But at the NATO summit meeting two weeks ago, the United States agreed only reluctantly to France's call for a renewed commitment to air strikes to support the delivery of aid to Bosnia.

Since then, the French position seems to have shifted a the ground," he said.
"It would be a catastrophe," Mr. Juppe said. "And we say
again, from a military strategy that could involve air strikes
against Bosnian Serbs, to a diplomatic strategy that would

accept the Europeans' latest peace plan. The Bosnian gov-"appear to be the most reluctant to sign a peace agreement at

this time." In recent months they have made some gains on the battlefield and feel that continued military pressure will bear froit at the negotiating table. Washington takes the position that imposing peace would unfairly punish the Muslim-led government. The real issue to be resolved is to persuade the Serbs to

make more territorial concessions, the official said. France Names New Commander of UN Forces France has named General Bertrand de Lapresle, the commander of its Rapid Action Force, to take over as commander of UN peacekeeping forces in the former Yugo-slavia, Defense Minister François Leotard said Tuesday. Mr. Leotard said General de Lapresle, 56, a Foreign

Legion veteran who studied politics and economics, would replace General Jean Cot at the end of March. General Cot, who was named commander in July for one-year term, is being removed after clashing with the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, who refused to give him the authority to call air strikes against Serbian gunners

#### **Moscow Urges** New Initiative In the Balkans

MOSCOW - Russia called Tuesday for an urgent meeting of UN Security Council foreign ministers over the Bosnian crisis, in an initiative to force the warring sides to agree on the territorial division of their country.

The initiative, presented by Moscow's special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, Vitali I. Churkin, was also clearly aimed at creating an alternative to air strikes against Bosnian Serbian positions.

But Mr. Churkin said that Russia did not exclude the use of force in Bosnia-Herzegovina if United Nations forces were threatened or attacked

The 44-story knowy Hotel des Arts in Barcelona, designed as a prestige project for the 1992 Olympic Games but not finished in time, has finally connect for business. 18 months late. (Reuters)

## 'Unvarnished Truth' Makes Clinton's Envoy to Bonn 'Right Man at the Right Time'

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service BONN - When President Bill

Clinton nominated Richard C. Holbrooke to be ambassador to Germany last summer on the same day he named former Vice Presi-



dent Walter F. Mondale as ambassador to Japan, some German officials who knew that Mr. Holbrooke was an Asia expert wondered whether they had won second prize. They wonder no longer. Mr. Holbrooke, 52, has been an instant

success in this crucial post. "I have never seen such an excellent relationship with an ambassador develop in such a short time as with Richard Holbrooke," said Joachim Bitterlich, loreign policy adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who will be in Washington this

weekend. Mr. Holbrooke will be in

Washington this week to help prepare for the visit. What Mr. Bitterlich and other Germans say they like best is the new ambassador's informal and

frank style. "We can talk openly with each other about the way we see things - we don't have to play diplomatic games with him," Mr. Bitterlich said.

"Tell me what's wrong with the relationship," the new ambassador would tell him and other German officials at dinner parties, not even Tell me what you'd like to see

On a table in the parlor of the big official American residence on the Rhine is a picture of Mr. Holbrooke's grandfather, a Jewish businessman in Hamburg, wearing a Prussian spiked helmet and the

what they lost," the ambassador cultivate contacts, and help shape and other Europeans had that the of the U.S. relationship with Ger- far-flung bureaucracies to coope

Mr. Holbrooke was a Foreign Service Officer until 1972, in Vietnam, Washington, Paris, and Morocco. He was assistant secretary of state for east Asian and Pacific atfairs from 1977 to 1981; before he came to Germany he was a manag-ing director of the Lehman Brothers investment bank in New York.

Bonn, a small university town that will cease to be the seat of government at the end of the century, is a place with few of the distrac-tions and none of the glamour of Paris or London. For a divorced Iron Cross he won as a German man like Mr. Holbrooke, there was man officials, one thing Mr. Hol- Allied landings in Normandy, soldier in World War L "I show it not a lot else to do after he got here to German visitors as a symbol of last September but talk politics,

American policy.

Getting close to movers and shakers is something Mr. Hol-brooke does very well, and his barely rudimentary German was no handicap. He brought in an old friend and mentor, Fritz Stern, a professor of history at Columbia University, as an adviser to help him through his first few month and was soon entertaining Mr. Kohl at home. Professor Stern returned to Columbia on Jan. 15 but is continuing as a consultant to the

After his frank talks with Gerbrooke thought needed to be fixed was the impression some Germans

Clinton administration did not think relations with Europe were as important as they were in the Cold War. "Europe has lost none — respeech in Potsdam soon after pre-

senting his credentials in October. Mr. Clinton made that clear himself during his trip to Europe this month. But he will not make his first official visit to Germany until July. Mr. Holbrooke pointed out to old friends in Washington that an earlier idea of having the president come here in June, right after atanding the 50th anniversary of the would not be such a good idea. Since World War II, the bedrock

many has been security, with more ate more closely. Nor, Mr. Holthan 250,000 American troops here brooke concedes, are Germanat the end of the Cold War. Now, American relations without commercial and cultural ties." "The overarching goal," he said

dations for a bilateral relationsum, which is no longer so dependent on the American military presence."

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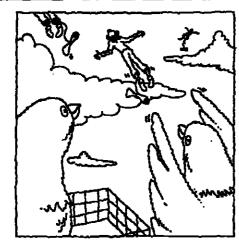
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Not all his subordinates appreciated his insistence on forcing the at the heart of it."

Mr. Holbrooke believes, his task is frictions. The United States repeat none —of its importance to to make sure that the relationship mains irritated by the extensive the United States," he said in a remains strong on a new basis of trade and political ties between mains irritated by the extensive Germany and Iran "In Asia, we have common hoin an interview one recent weekend, man-rights and political views, but "is to use 1994 to create the form- we are destined to be political and

cy and the Commerce Department Europe. "Germany is the key play-to open a business information cen-er in moving the Cold War alliance

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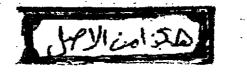
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\* POLITICAL NOTES\*

'Clear and Present' Plutonium Danger Seen

WASHINGTON - A panel of scientists has urged the Clinton

administration to move more rapidly to safeguard the world's supply of plutonium from illicit use by terrorists or rogue states seeking

nuclear weapons.

An estimated 100 metric tons of plutonium is scheduled to be

withdrawn from thousands of outmoded U.S. and Russian nuclear arms by the end of the decade, the panel estimated, creating a "clear and present danger" of unauthorized diversion, particularly in

Another 110 tons or more of plutonium generated by the civilian nuclear power industry will also be in storage by then. The combined

military-civilian stockpile would provide enough plutonium worldwide to build more than 42.000 nuclear weapons.

Because of the extraordinary radioactivity, toxicity and durability

of the material, it cannot readily be destroyed, the National Re-

search Council panel said in its report, which was commissioned by

search Council panel said in its report, which was commissioned by the Energy Department.

"The world is condemned to having to baby-sit this material for at least another decade." said Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky, a Stanford University physics professor and chairman of the panel.

He said this prediction accounted for the panel's recommendation that the United States and other nations immediately take new steps to ensure that the plutonium remains safely under lock and key.

One recommended step is a new U.S. Russian accord requiring that each nation declare its stocks of plutonium and allow bilateral

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or international monitoring of storage operations and independent

scrutiny of warhead dismanding. Another is that Washington persuade Moscow to halt production of plutonium for both civilian and

Boston Attorney in Line for Civil Rights Post

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno is expected to

nominate a Boston attorney to head the Justice Department's civil

nominate a Boston autorney to nead the Justice Department's civil rights division, according to administration sources.

The autorney, Deval Patrick, 37, is a partner in a law firm that was The autorney, Deval Patrick, 37, is a partner in a law firm that was The autorney, Deval Patrick, 37, is a partner in a law firm that was Mr. Weld's predecessor. Michael S. Dukakis, Mr. Patrick would be the administration's third choice for the critical civil rights poet.

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New York Drops Affirmative Action Measure

NEW YORK - Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has disclosed that the

city has eliminated a critical element of an affirmative action

program of the former city administration that directs a fifth of

Mr. Giuliani said that since his inauguration on Jan. 2, he had

effectively terminated a provision of the program under which companies with female or minority ownership could be awarded city contracts, even if their bids were 10 percent higher than the lowest

At the same time the new mayor said he would maintain, at least

for now, the practice of encouraging city agencies to steer as much as 20 percent of their contracts to minority- and female-owned compa-

William J. Perry, the nominee to become secretary of defense: "I would observe that we cannot control the events in other countries, including Russia, but we can influence them. And I believe the

president has adopted a program to assist not just the Russians, but many of the nations in the former Soviet Union to help stabilize their

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WASHINGTON — In choosing William J. Perry as his nominee for defense secretary, President Bill Clinton has turned to a highly skilled manager whose broad experience in government, academia and high-technology companies has earned praise in Congress and in the Pentagon — even from critics of the administration's foreign

As the department's No. 2 offirial, Mr. Perry has been responsible for overhauling the \$100 billion an-nual weapons budget, supervising the day-to-day business of the Pentagon and greeting foreign digni-

taries, among other things. Bill Perry is very well qualified to be Mr. Inside, running the building and knowing how it works,"
said Brent Scowcroft, President
George Bush's national security adviser and a longtime friend of \_Mr Perry's.

But if Mr. Perry, 66, is the ideal isside man, skeptics on Capitol. Hill question whether he has the political skills or the reputation to represent the United States over-

"There's no question that Bill Perry is a great No. 2 man, but we're all going to be measuring him to see if he has the stature necessary for a defense secretary," said Sena-tor Daniel R. Coats, Republican of Indiana and a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Unlike Bobby Ray Inman, whose prickly independence and professed reluctance to serve kept growing from the time he was nominated until he withdrew last week, Mr. Perry made it clear that even though he was, at best, Mr.

serve as your secretary of defease," Mr. Perry told the president. Associates say such soft-spoken deference masks a tough, highly disciplined bureaucrat who rarely

shows a temper but leaves no doubt

wants it — a quality Pentagon officials said they sometimes found lacking in Mr. Aspin.

While Mr. Aspin handled the Pentagon's most politically charged issues — from Bosnia and Somalia to homosexuals in the military.

Mr. Perry toiled behind the that tarely produced headlines: reforming the military's purchasing system and preserving certain industries crucial to the nation's defense.

At the top of Mr. Perry's list are from these customized products to-

ward cheaper, off-the-shelf commercial versions.

The changes could save billions of dollars in administrative costs. as would eliminating expensive features no longer needed.

Despite strong White House support for these changes, Mr. Per-ry has grown frustrated with opposition to reform from industry executives guarding their contracts and from some military officers who fear mat change could impair combat readiness.

"This year." Mr. Perry said. "we have what I would call a window of opportunity to make a major reform to the defense acquisition system so that we can buy modern equipment for our military forces at afforcable prices."

At the same time, he is aiming to protect a few select military industries with no commercial counterparts: nuclear submarines, battle tenks and fighter jets.

Mr. Perry has stepped up to bu-reaucratic challenges before.

As the Pentagon's director of research and engineering during the Carter administration, he overcame resistance in the Pentagon and in Congress to develop the laser-guided fombs, cruise missiles and F-117 Stealth fighters that spearheaded the allied air campaign against Iraq.

But he was also the godfather of the B-2 Stealth bomber, which has become the most expensive aircraft in aviation history.

The B-2 was supposed to cost less than \$200 million per plane when the program began in the late

1970s. The Pentagon now plans to buy 20 of the radar-evading aircraft, at

about \$2.2 billion a plane. The air force is only now adding

the first of these planes to its arse-



# the loo. It will be a real privilege to William J. Perry, No. 2 at the Pentagon, with President Clinton following his nomination to become No. 1, succeeding Les Aspin. Is Big One Near? Aftershocks and Rumors Shake Los Angeles

C: LOS ANGELES — Forget celebrity scandals, not be predicted, a group of seismologists reiterated in a recent news release sent to journalists and governearthquake far stronger than the one here on Jan. 17, earthquake far stronger than the one here on Jan. 17, and whether it will strike Southern California anytime

Strong aftershocks have continued to roll through call seismologists at the California Institute of Technology, waking people, ripping through the collective unconscious and prompting even the most level-headed folks to wonder aloud about the likelihood of a The city, waking people, rippling through the collective unconscious and prompting even the most level-headed folks to wonder aloud about the likelihood of a

The answer is an emphatic "no." Earthquakes can-

Kate Hutton, a seismologist at the university, said ed 101KS 10 wonder aroun about the manifect of strong quake in the next few days.

"" In response, officials of the mayor's and governor's caltech had received calls from people who reported offices have asked seismologists whether there is any

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who, ms. riution said colleagues had also helded calls from "psychics, astrologers and pseudoscientists" who offered predictions; other callers wanted to know if aftershocks could trigger a major earthquake on other faults. Ms. Huttors said that could happen but that the chances were less than "winning the state lottery." And contrary to popular perception, the aftersbocks are waning Ms. Hutton said, noting that the initial

danger of a large, secondary earthquake begins to fade within just a few hours after a major quake.

"Things are gradually settling down," she said.

Jack Coles, a science buff from San Jose, is one

person hoping to capitalize on the uncertainty about when earthquakes strike. Two days before the Jan. 17 quake, he sent a news release to The Associated Press office in San Francisco, saying there was a 54 percent likelihood of an impringed earthquake of resonitude. likelihood of an imminent earthquake of magnitude 6.0 or greater striking somewhere in California. The quake that struck Los Angeles registered 6.6 on the

Richier scale of ground motion.

Mr. Coles has since started what he calls an Early Warning Earthquake Detection Network. For \$39, he wall alert a subscriber as soon as possible to his prediction of a forthcoming quake. People who do not wish to pay the fee can nonetheless ask to be notified

# Quake Victims Suffer as Rain Soaks Tent Cities

**Away From Politics** • A majority of Americans favor laws restricting violence in movies because they believe it causes violence in real life, according to an ABC/Day One poll. The survey found that 68 percent believe movie and the percent believe movies. violence leads to real violence and 54 percent say there should be

legal restrictions on violent scenes. • A son of the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, 28, denied that he had any illegal involvement with a California man-indicted on drug charges. No charges have been filed against the younger Jackson but he was named in court papers seeking authorization to up the phones of a suspected heroin dealer.

• A college sindent said he opened fire on classmates and professors at Simon's Rock College of Bard in 1992 after God asked him to cleanse the campus of sin, his father testified in Springfield, Massachusetts. Wayne Lo, 19, is charged with killing a professor and a charge and argument and arguments. student and wounding four people.

• Anti-abortion groups say they will not be stopped by a Supreme Court decision allowing the federal racketeering law to be used against protesters who block access to abortion climics. "We're accountable to God, not to the government," said Wendy Wright, communications director of Operation Rescue National Research AP

mpiled by Our Staff From Despatches LOS ANGELES — Earthquake victims living in makeshift shelters and tent cities were pelted Tuesday throughout the ravaged areas.

by rain that added a new layer of troubles to their shattered lives. Up to a half inch (five centimeters) of rain fell, leaving parks where many victims are housed wet and soggy and the streets of Los

Angeles slippery.

Medical personnel expressed concerns about an increase in colds and respiratory ailments among children left homeless since the

earthquake struck on Jan. 17.
Many families have been living in six tent cities erected by the National Guard. The olive-green military tents, each capable of holding about 20 people, are not entirely waterproof, and occasional leaks were causing problems. Stores ran out of plastic sheeting

plastic could be seen covering wrecked chimneys and walls

The earthquake destroyed more than 11,000 housing units, leaving 25,000 people homeless. But building and safety inspectors still had not completed their examinations, leaving the possibility more homes

will be judged uninhabitable.

The quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, killed 57 people and injured more than 8.000. Losses have been estimated at over \$30 billion, making the quake the costliest natural disaster in U.S.

Water and electricity have been restored to most residents but afthe area, keeping nerves on edge.

James Lee Witt, director of the

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as residents covered holes in homes rederal Emergency Management caused by the tremor. Protective Agency, promised that thousands of relief checks would be sent out every day. Some 1,100 aid checks and 2,500 housing vouchers have

been distributed so far. To date, about 40,000 people have applied for some form of financial aid. In Washington, the White House

budget director, Leon E. Panetta, said the administration would submit a proposed supplemental appropriations bill requesting \$7.5 billion in emergency funds for Cali-

The biggest chunk of the funds, \$3.89 billion, would go to the Federal Emergency Management Administration to help people left homeless.

The rain in Los Angeles further

ways. Traffic on highways and local street, has come to a halt during ommuter hours. Many commuters opted to stay

home last week to wait out the traffic jams or repair their homes. But by Monday, they undertook trips that lasted hours. The city's buckled freeways are

expected to take up to a year to Many children returned to class-

es Tuesday with assurances from anthorities that only safe school buildings would be opened. About 76 of the approximately 800 schools in Los Angeles were dam-aged, affecting about 10 percent of the district's pupils.
People who lost their jobs when

small businesses closed because of earthquake damages have flocked to relief centers to apply for unem-

## Farrakhan Won't Back Away From Aide's Remarks on Jews sharp tone of the denunciations stems in part from the outrageousness of Mr. Muhammad's remarks. In a Nov. 29 speech full of invective and coarse language, Mr. Muhammad congressman, said of Mr. Muhammad's comments: "We must be

By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Four months after warily embracing Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Na-tion of Islam, a number of black leaders are now urging him to dis-tance himself from anti-Semitic comments made by a senior aide.

But Mr. Farrakhan, in a speech late Monday, gave no indication that he would retreat. In recent days, Benjamin Chavis,

Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and William H.
Gray 3d, president of the United
Negro College, Fund, have condemned comments made two months ago by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, an aide to Mr. Farrak-

executive director of the National Farrakhan to ask if Mr. Muhammad's remarks reflected the official position of the black Muslims. "It was extremely agonizing for me to even read what I read," Mr. Mfume said of excerpts of Mr. Mu-

hammad, an aide to Mr. Parlarhan, in a speech at Kean College in Union, New Jersey,
Last. Friday, Representative Kweisi Miume, the Maryland Democrat who heads the Congressional Black Cancus, wrote Mr.

hammad's remarks. Taken with comments made in

an interview on Sunday by the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, the criticism represents a forceful denunciation of anti-Semitic statements by established black leaders. Some black leaders said the

the Nation of Islam. The criticism from Mr. Mfume is

need to distance themselves from

particularly significant because he has been trying to conclude a partnership between the Black Caucus and the Nation of Islam, which advocates economic power and self-discipline for blacks.

[Mr. Farrakhan defended Mr. Muhammad's remarks about Jews. Reuters reported from New York. [In a speech Monday night for "black men only" in Harlem, Mr. Farrakhan accused Jews of plotting against him. We know that the Jews are the most organized, rich and powerful people, not only in America, but the world," he said,

But some say they also stem from a need to distance themselves from black nation" who "crucified Jesus

adding: "They're plotting against us even as we speak. But I'm not trembling. I'm not afraid."] "Anti-Semitism is a hideous form of racial hatred and bigotry. Mr. Chavis said in an address given at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington. It is virulent strand of racism that must not

in a kangaroo court" and who con-

cluding the Federal Reserve.

Referring directly to Mr. Muhammad's comments, Mr. Chavis said he "was appalled that any human being would stoop so low to make such violence-prone ann-Semitic comments."

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## **AMERICAN TOPICS**

**Automakers Test** 'Pregnant' Dummy

The automobile industry about to send something new hurting down the test track, The New York Times reports: a "pregnant" crash dummy.

This dummy at the General Motors crash-analysis laboratory at Warren, Michegan, wears a duminy minmy "— a polyure. thane bag in the shape of a uterus, filled with a model of a 28-weekold fetus and a gel the same den-

sity as amniotic fluid. In 30 years of tests on human cadavers and dummies, automakers have done scant systematic research on the effect of automobile accidents on pregnant wom-

en and their unborn children. Some research was done in the 1960s using live pregnant baboons, which obviously can't be done any more, a spokesman said, because of growing public

NO.

Among the research questions

is whether a fetus is better off if the mother is wearing a scat belt, or whether an air bag hurts or The current advice is that pregnant women, like everyone else,

hip bones, but the shoulder belt should come down over the sternum but then be placed around - not across - the bulge in the abdomen. The pregnant dummy will help researchers determine if the fetus would be safer if, perhaps, the belt had a wide webbing to

spread the force applied during an accident. The pregnant-dummy tests may also help determine whether automakers should provide a cutoff switch that a pregnant woman could use to prevent the air bag from deploying, either on the driver's side or the passenger's.

Short Takes A new drug given to newborn infants appears to prevent or mini-mize jamaice, a condition so

common that it visibly affects concern over the mistreatment of three out of four babies. In severe cases; affecting 1 to 2 percent of all newborns, it can cause brain and nerve damage.

The drug, tin-mesoporphyrin, or SnMP, was developed by Rockefeller University in New York. It blocks the production of bilirubin, the yellow pigment should wear lap belts low over the from bile that builds up in the blood faster than the infant's liver can process it.

The drug, given in a single small dose shortly after birth, could obviate the usual photothcrapy for jaundice, which requires exposing the infant to intense light over several days.

At least 2,500 five hydrants in New York City are obsolete. They were replaced about 20 years ago by more up-to-date hydrants. Kenneth K. Fisher, a city councilman, wants the old ones removed. But he says that because of bureaucratic disagreement within the city government, the old ones — corroded and capless — are unlikely to be removed anytime soon. Meanwhile, since the police don't ment drivers to the police don't want drivers to decide for themselves whether a

fireplug is old or new, anyone who parks within 15 feet (4.5 meters) of any hydrant, new or old. gets a ticket. Quake Aftermath: Once a symbol of Hollywood elegance, the

Brown Derby restaurant on Vine Street was badly damaged in this the Jan. 17 earthquake, with its roof collapsing and walls crumbling. City inspectors ordered im-mediate demolition — over strong protests from preservationists. ... The deputy director of the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research in New York, who was in Los Angeles to inspect buckled freeways, is named Ian Buckle.

According to Lee Solters, a Los Angeles publicist, a department store in Greenwood, South Carolina, had just put up a display of fishing tackle when a customer picked up one of the newest glearning metal and plastic lures. "Do the fish really go for these things?" he asked the salesman. "I dunno," was the reply.

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#### A Nuclear Test Ban

A half-century after the atomic age began, concerned countries have gathered in Geneva to outlaw underground nuclear tests, the only ones now permitted. This project continues an effort practically as old as the atomic era itself to contain the dangers of nuclear arms. With the Cold War over, new hope is evi-

dent. If underground tests can be banned, would-be nuclear countries will be significantly hampered in taking their bomb programs from rude design to deliverable weaponry. And nuclear countries — Russia, China, Britain, France and the United States remain the core five — will be significantly helped in their attempts to discourage proliferation by others.

Here lies the sensitive hinge of global proliferation policy. A Comprehensive Test Batt Treaty comes into view just as the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty arrives at the end of its allotted 25 years and comes up for extension; the extension conference opens next year. A test ban involves only one figure in the

nuclear equation. The nonproliferation treaty is the equation. It commits the broad sweep of nonnuclear signers to forgo a bomb in return for security and other guarantees, and it commits the five explicitly nuclear signers to furnish those guarantees and, in addition, to cut Prompt conclusion of a comprehensive test ban can only put nuclear and nonnuclear countries alike in a better position to make good on the bareain of the nonproliferation treaty.

By the test treaty. Americans can be assured that the testing route to proliferation is closed. By the nonproliferation accord, Washington gains the political and legal resources to act against the whole bomb programs of would-be nuclear states. Rogue states such as Iraq and North Korea may still press their nuclear ambitions, but without the nonproliferation treaty it would be greatly more difficult than it is already to rein those states in.

The Clinton administration supports an early test ban and indefinite extension of the nonproliferation treaty. The first took some sharp internal negotiating and now requires careful consultation to bring along test-ban laggards China and France. The second requires dealing with nonnuclear countries wary of the nuclear five as well as of would-be proliferators. The tactical choices are, as always, open to some argument. The administration will finally be judged by what it delivers in this crucial area of foreign policy.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Help Hosokawa to Prevail

It was high-order treachery when 17 old-line Socialists sabotaged Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's do-or-die political reform bill. But those who staged the ambush could yet turn out to be among its victims. The Japanese public is tired of corrupt money politics and is deeply angry at politicians who stand in the way of reform.

The Clinton administration has not helped Mr. Hosokawa as he tries desperately to pass some version of reform. On Sunday, at the height of the crisis, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen suddenly showed up in Tokyo to press Washington's dubious demands for import quotas and immediate economic stimulus.

The legislation that lost an upper-house vote last Friday goes to the heart of Japan's political system and its U.S. relations. By giving more weight to urban consumers than to producer-oriented special interests, this electoral reform could open the way to a more democratic, less import-resistant Japan. It could also strengthen a new generation of more outward-looking, less bureaucracy-bound politicians, like Mr. Hosokawa himself.

The coalition still has a chance to win over

enough votes to pass a reform bill this month. I will not be easy; and by urging Mr. Hosokawa to press ahead at once on divisive tax issues and fulfill arbitrary import quotas, Mr. Bentsen makes life much more difficult for him. Right now, Mr. Hosokawa needs to focus

all his political capital on keeping reform alive. That is the surest way to complete the destruction of the old, obstructive party system. The Socialists are already breaking up over ancient ideological quarrels. The Liberal Democrats, tarred with corruption, are not in much better shape. If he wins this battle, he could hasten the passage toward cleaner, more competitive politics.

The Japanese people have finally rebelled against a system that offends their ethical sensibilities and fails to serve their most basic needs. Their hopes for something better are embodied in the Hosokawa government, as are America's hopes for a more open Japan. The Clinton administration should now be doing all it can to help a reformist government survive in Tokyo, not burdening it with demands that it cannot realistically meet.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Britain, Too, Needs Change

Yet again, John Major lives to fight another day. A stalwart performance last week before the judge inquiring into Britain's arms-to-Iraq scandal, and some bouncy talk about cutting bureaucracy, may have rescued him from his latest crisis, this one over ministerial sex and local-government skulduggery.

He may promptly fall into another pothole. Yet the real question about British politics today is not whether Prime Minister Major will lead his Tory party into Britain's next elections; he quite possibly will, and he might even win them. It is why so many Britons seem so sour about almost everybody and everything in their public life.

To be sure, Mr. Major has not been an impressive prime minister. He waited for events to eject Britain from the damaging, and doomed, European exchange-rate mechanism. His government, more than any other, is responsible for the dithering minimalism that led Europe into disaster in former Yugoslavia. He has repeatedly told government colleagues who get into trouble that he will stand by them, only to back away later. His merits -his steadiness in the Gulf War, his desire to get government back in touch with people, his patent personal decency - loom small by comparison.

The curious thing is that nobody is betting very much on the Tories losing the next elections, even under Mr. Major. The British economy, free of the exchange-rate mechanism, grew by 2 percent last year, a little more than most of the rest of Europe. More important, the opposition Labor Party, although well ahead in current opinion polls, is still widely mistrusted.

Labor has not yet cut itself fully free from its unpopular links with the trade unions. People still think of it as the big-spending, high-tax party. The Tories are currently under attack for putting taxes up, but the voters suspect that Labor would put them up even more. These

things could yet lose Labor the elections.

The politics of mid-1990s Britain are covered by a pall of general suspicion and disillu-

What's Good for Japan ...

Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa of Ja-

pan, doggedly determined to push forward his

reform program, suffered a stunning defeat in

the upper house of parliament Friday when his

reform bills were voted down. It was the first

time since 1951 that any government-submit-ted bill had been voted down in parliament.

helo refashion a government that now dispro-

If successful, Mr. Hosokawa's reforms would

signment. Why? Because the British, to their surprise, have been hit as hard as anybody by the great phenomenon of the post-Cold War era. The end of communism has brought specific problems for specific countries. Germany has its unification blues. Italy's whole post-1945 party system has collapsed. But somehing even more profound may be happening

all over the democratic world. The end of the battle between communism and pluralism has changed the nature of late 20th century politics. There is no longer a fight to the death between two irreconcilable grand ideas. Politics have become a relatively unexciting competition between rival versions of the winning idea.

The differences within pluralism are not unimportant, but they do not have the blackversus-white drama of the old confrontation. Parties and politicians have become grayer things. They do not attract the old loyalties. The voters feel more distant; they inspect the politicians, as it were, through a lorgnette.

There was a time when the British would have felt immune from such matters. The politics of modern Germany and modern Italy, they would have explained, are post-Hitler, post-Mussolini. France's Fifth Republic is even younger. But the institutions of Britain -a crown, not a president, a church linked to the state, political parties with roots reaching back a century or more - are stronger because they are older.

It has not turned out like that. The post-Cold War skepticism sweeping through the democratic world is shaking Britain, too.

There will have to be changes everywhere. Mr. Major caught a glimpse of this when he coined his "Back to Basics" slogan - but then he could not define what he meant by "basics." The end of the old ideological conflict is bringing a re-examination of the way politics are conducted all over the Western world. Britain is discovering that it is not exempt. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

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also stem the sort of influence-peddling scan-dals that helped topple the ruling Liberal Dem-

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U.S.-Japan trade talks. A stable Tokyo able to

focus on Japan's many problems would be in

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# For a Big Post-Cold War Conference With Big Ideas

P ARIS — French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé has called for a "new diplomatic initiative of all those [states] who can weigh on the belligerents in ex-Yugoslavia. This should not be brushed off, as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has done, saying that NATO just went through all the reviewing needed at its Brussels summit.

It is a recognition, which no other leader has had the candor to admit, of the enormous and rapidly expanding fiasco of Western policy, or rather nonpolicy.

The one thing wrong with Mr. Juppe's appeal is that it does not go far enough. There are three policy vacuums demanding most urgent attention, at risk of what he rightly calls catastrophe. They are Bosnia and its neighborhood. Russia and its ex-empire, and United Nations use of force.

They are all finked, and it is as idle to think that bite-by-bite solutions can be found in separate approaches as to think that access to Tuzia and Śrebrenica will end Bosnia's war. If a flagrant new example were needed of the mistakes made by nibbling at the edges of crisis instead of facing its strategic dimension, it comes in the new appeal by Ednard Shevardnadze, president of Georgia, for a United Nations peacekeeping force in his country. Mr. Shevardnadze's glowing, confident de-

meanor when he was Soviet foreign minister negotiating the end of the Cold War has been negotiating the child in the Cord was less stored replaced by a look of haunted desperation. He sees his job as trying "to save my country," he told a press gathering in Paris, where he came to plead for help from France and UN Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali.

"We have no choice," he said when he was asked why he accepted Russian troops to put down the war in Abkhazia, after Russian troops created that threat to Georgia's survival in the first place,

By Flora Lewis

There is a tiny force of some 20 UN observers in Georgia now, but he would like a peacekeeping force of 2,000. The UN situation is such that neither the men nor the money can be expected from the West.

Russia is ready, but this would mean Security Council endorsement of Russia's claim to prime responsibility for its former subject states. Recently, both President Boris Yeltsin and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev have

If there were an adequate solution for each problem taken separately, we would have heard of it.

taken up this line, echoing some of the ex-treme nationalism of Vladimir Zhirinovsky. It is a terrible idea. Mr. Butros Ghali, who is to make a report to the Security Council with recommendations, is aware of the dangers. But he is also aware that if the West won't do anything, it can hardly expect to keep the Russians out of wars in the "near abroad" and even further into Europe.

Georgia is only an example. It will set a precedent for several other trouble spots. As it is, UN operations are falling apart because there is no rational concordance between the missions and the political-military will. That is why so many generals have expressed their disgust, and quit or been fired. Now comes Senator Robert Dole (IHT

Opinion, Jan. 24), a Republican with keen political antennae, arguing for so many restrictions on U.S. participation in UN force that he would in effect pull America out of its efforts to keep peace. Leaving what?
The French and the British are agonizing

about their frustrated, ineffective military presence in Bosnia. They see little point in staying. but they are afraid to pull out because of the bloody disaster they rightly foresee.

It has been evident since the start of the war in Yugoslavia nearly timee years ago that it cannot be stopped without an overall settle-ment imposed from outside. Saying that the war must be stopped first and that political arrangements can then be found is putting the cart before the horse. These people see no reason to stop fighting until they have an answer to the question: What next? What would they have to expect?

Any durable settlement would have to encompass the whole of the Balkans, all of the old and new states, with mutual security guarantees and plans for region-wide economic development. A treaty-writing conference would have to be convoked by "those who can weigh," as Mr. Juppe said — that is, Europe, the United States and Russia.

This would have been much easier to organize a year ago before Moscow's old ambitions were whetted anew by Western dithering on security issues, most dramatically Yugoslavia. and Western economic and political promises. The OECD has just published a dismaying statistic. In 1992, the net flow of all public and private money from all OECD countries to all the ex-Communist countries was \$20 billion. a dribble. The same figure to developing coun-tries in the same period was \$60 billion.

There is still time before the question of what's to be done has to be changed to the question of who lost Russia and the peace of Europe. But it is growing shorter. No sooner did President Bill Clinton fly home from Moscow than reform was shifted to low gest. and muted threats to neighbors stepped up. His smiles left no visible impact.

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But Henry Kissinger's argument (IHT) Opinion, Jan. 24) that it is wrong to try to include Russia in the search for a secure and stable Europe gives up all chance. He makes a peculiar distortion of why NATO was founded in mocking Mr. Clinton's idea of not drawing new lines of antagonism. George Kennan's formula of containment, buttressing an already Soviet-enforced line against further expansion. was that the Soviet threat would eventually crumble on the far side. It did.

It is particularly odd to hear Mr. Kissinger the real author of the "Somenfeldt doctime" encouraging East Central Europe to accept its Soviet overlords, rail now against Washington, which he claims is telling these same countries to "placate" Russia.

That isn't the case. But I agree with his conclusion, which does not flow from his current argument, that American policy must make clear that its support for reform inchides the requirement that Russia embrace the disciplines of a cooperative international system as well as its benefits."

All these needs must be tied together in a coherent Western policy dealing with the Balkans, dealing with the United Nations' role, dealing with Russia, its real pains and its psychoses. If there were an adequate solution for each problem separately, we would have heard of it. Taken together, they can make a framework for peace on estab-

lished international principles.

That means a big conference, with big ideas, to write a big post-Cold War treaty. The Group of Seven industrial nations, with the addition of Russia, has the power to make it happen. They lack only the will.

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#### It's High Time Washington Sharpened a Gentler Focus on Japan By William Clark Jr.

WASHINGTON — One won-ders who is giving the Clinton administration advice on Japan these

days, and just what it is. First there was a flurry of visits to Tokyo by assorted undersecretaries. Then came calls for an emergency meeting on semiconductors, followed by an acceptance of a less-than-desired deal on public sector construction. After that, the United States made an effort to go around the Japanese bureaucracy to cut a deal directly with automobile makers.

More recently, Robert Rubin, chairman of the National Economic Council, and Bowman Cutter, his deputy, declared that the Japanese bureaucracy was powerless to act. They called on Japanese politicians to get involved in negotiating a solution. Finally, in the midst of a major

political crisis in Tokyo after rejection of the government's political re-form bill, Lloyd Bentsen turned up to wag his finger and demand results by Feb. 11 on U.S. trade proposals.

The effort to circumvent the bureancracy and link with politicians and business leaders is based on an assumption that both groups have common cause with the United States

in taking the bureaucrats down a peg

or two. If only that were true. The structure of government in Ja-pan is highly centralized. As a result, bureaucrats, politicians and businessmen become acquainted at an early age. Mr Cutter asserts that be cause Japan does not follow the U.S. spoils system of offering jobs well down into the bureaucracy to political supporters and straphangers, the mid- to upper-level Japanese bureaucrat has no real power.

In fact, because rising stars in government service in Japan are identified early, they form strong relationships with politicians and businessmen. Both sides know that such connections will last and be fruitful until retirement. At that

point, after a cooling off period, senior bureaucrats find themselves employed in the upper strata of the Japanese corporate world.

This arrangement is a recognition of a past close working relationship. In the United States, senior bureau-crats (Mr. Cutter included) were not there yesterday and will be gone tomorrow. They will not be around for the long haul.

It is good to know that hope springs eternal in Washington. Yet it is sad that it is so often misdirected at the quick fix. There is no hidden group of wise men in Japan - politicians, businessmen or bureaucrats who, if discovered, would see the virtne of U.S. policy requests. Japanese politicians from Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa down have been clear in their rejection of American requests for numerical targets for increased U.S. export access to Japan. Unlike times past, Mr. Hosokawa

America next month. What was once a negative — U.S. displeasure over Japanese policy — could be a plus in Japan's current political environment. With his political reform package shot down by the upper house of the Diet, the prime minister will remain weak-ened even if he cobbles together some-

does not now tremble at the prospect.

of a less than successful visit to

Japan is going into its third year of economic doldrums, and few predict a recovery in the next 12 months. Many of the U.S. requests could result in increased unemployment in a country unprepared for such a development. The Japanese public is psychologically down and looking for understanding. Mr Bentsen's visit, rather than inducing action, may have increased the possibility of Mr. Hosokawa standing up to Bill Clinton when they meet in

thing by the end of this week.

naton on Feb. 11. In the presidential election campaign, Mr. Clinton promised to "fecus like a laser beam" on the economy.

Today a focus on U.S. policy toward Japan is badly needed. The present approach is all over the spectrum. A pragmatic policy approach might include restricting pressure on Japan, calling for a larger stimulus package and implementing meaningful domes-tic deregulation. At home, the Clinton stration should enforce a higher level of local content on Japanese automakers and insist that Japan's ex-

prices in Japan remain unchanged. While American bureaucrats may not, as a rule, be able to walk and chew gum at the same time, senior officers should be able to manage four topics, thus making it much harder for Japan to sidestep the issues.

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## Rabin and Sharon: Disagreeing on Terrorism, Space and Time

N EW YORK — Yitzhak Rabin, a renowned general in Israel's wars, looks at maps of Israel and its Arab neighbors, studies military and political realities, and decides that current peace negotiations are the road ing peace and security for his nation.

Ariel Sharon, a renowned general in the same wars, looks at the same maps, studies the same realities and decides that the negotiations are the road to years of Palestinian terrorism ending in war or the draining of Israel, or both. Mr. Rabin is the leader of Labor, Mr. Sharon a leader of Likud. Also, Mr. Rabin has the

political life, and still does. But both men are Israeli patriots, both tested as military commanders. And not long ago Mr. Rabin harbored some of the worries about Israeli safety that still keep Mr. Sharon awake. Israelis made the election choice for the Rabin leadership. To the victor belongs world press attention. But since almost half of Israel did back Likud, I thought it would not be an

offense against democracy to give Mr. Sharon a

little type while he visited New York. So I asked

job Mr. Sharon has sought for much of his

By A. M. Rosenthal

him the question that comes up constantly g American Supporters of Israe How is it that two Israeli generals who respect each other and keep in touch are now so far apart in military thinking? Mr. Sharon's answers boiled down to this: deep differences about the meaning of terrorism, space and time.

Mr. Rabin has said terrorism is a threat to the lives of Israelis but not to the safety of the nation. For Mr. Sharon, the threat is to both. Terrorism has been a major Arab weapon before and since Israel's War of Independence in the late 1940s. Mr. Sharon thinks it will be an

infinitely greater threat if Israel cannot search it out in advance, or retaliate. The Oslo arrangement between Israel and the Arafat Fatah wing of the Palestine Libera-tion Organization will turn over internal security to a 20,000-man Palestinian armed force. Discovering terrorist plans, tracking down and punishing terrorists are to be carried out by Palestinians who are their relatives or comrades. Mr. Sharon says it will never happen. In Gaza and the West Bank, the Fatah Hawks say exactly that - never.

So, Mr. Sharon believes, Israel will be open it where it lives. His scenario is that Israel will eventually have to go in and strike. Arab states would move their tanks closer. Without firing a shot, they could force Israel into the mobili zations that cripple its economy. And Israeli attacks would be against a new Palestine. autonomous or independent - an invitation

to anti-Israeli embargoes. Space and time. For decades Israeli officers said that for their tiny country both were matters of life or death.

After the Gulf War, Israeli generals told me they had noted that before the ground attack against Iraq, the United States stationed its troops 80 to 130 kilometers from the Kuwait and Iraq borders, at least five times the width of Israel's narrow waist. Now, Israeli officials say, the military thinking has "evolved"; missiles, not minutes and miles, count most.
All of Syria's 1,000 missiles, about 100 with

chemical warbeads, have Israel in range. So do Egypt's, Iraq's, Iran's, etc. Israelis also have missiles. But Mr. Sharon has noted something himself: Missiles do not occupy territory,

He has made suggestions to Mr. Rabin: At least demand control of internal security in the West Bank and Gaza, and of strategic roads. Insist on the right of Israelis to keep their settlements, under Israeli protection. For any Golan Heights concession, get reduction and fallback of Syrian forces near Israel.

But he remains against the whole Oslo deal as a disaster that would say Israel through terrorism and set it up either for war or for chaos. He believes that negotiation should be with Jordan — already Palestinian in everything but its royal family.
"But to tell the truth," he says, "I think

things were better after the War of Independence, in 1949. It's more tense with less hope." Maybe that is because about terrorism, space and time, the man is just not a very

200d evolver. The New York Times.

## Bidding for Stock in 'Emerging Countries' Is Getting Out of Hand'

WASHINGTON — During the tulip craze in Holland in 1636, a single bulb changed hands for five hectares of prime downtown Dutch real estate. If that sounds nutty, consider that lately U.S. investors have been wildly bidding up the price of stock in companies they have never heard of in Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Thailand and Turkey.

I happen to be a fan of international investing, but the run-up in what are euphemistically called "emerging

The news from Asia and Latin America, especially in the past year with the approval of GATT and NAFTA, has been good --- too good.

markets" has got way out of hand. It is developing all the signs of another tulip craze or South Sea Bubble. At the very least, it harkens back to the Real Estate Investment Trust mania, the gold and silver stampede and the junk bond frenzy of recent years. In the third quarter of last year, U.S. investors bought foreign stocks at an incredible rate of \$2 billion a week, says the Securities Industry Association. This money — including gouts of each from pension funds —

shares into the stratosphere. In dollar terms, stocks last year in Turkey rose by 224 percent; in the Philippines. 130 percent; Hong Kong, 122 percent; Indonesia, 114 percent; Brazil, 116 percent, Of the 22 emerging countries surveyed by The Economist, stock markets last year doubled in seven and rose by at

has helped chase emerging-market

least 50 percent in 12. The locals are caught up in the frenzy. "Almost everybody is getting into the market." Daim Zainuddin, a By James K. Glassman

former Malaysian finance minister, told the Financial Times last week. Everybody is busy on the phone. Nobody seems to be working. Every-one talks about shares."

Most Americans buy international

stocks through mutual funds — ei-ther the closed-end variety that trade on the major slock exchanges or the open-end sort, as peddled directly by vestment houses.

More and more funds of both kinds are being launched to keep up with the demand (and incidentally line the pockets of the managing firms, which charge big fees for their expertise). Morningstar, the financial publishers, in 1990 tracked 70 open-end international funds; last year it tracked 263. Fidelity Investments alone offers 13 international equity funds and seven global bond funds.

The best evidence that demand is outstripping supply can be found in closed-end funds, which are started with a fixed amount of capital that then is used to buy foreign stocks, often in a single country.

Many of these funds are trading on the New York Stock Exchange at huge premiums over the actual stock market value of the shares they own. At the end of last year, for instance, a share in the Jakarta Growth Fund cost investors 35 percent more than the market price of the stocks in the fund. In August 1990, before the recent craze began, the fund was trading at a 17 percent discount. As a result of figures like these, one

leading money manager who is an expert in closed-end foreign funds,

Letters intended for publication should be addressed "Letters to the Editor and contain the writer's signature, name and full address. Letters should be brief and are subject to editing. We cannot be responsible for the return of unso-licited manuscripts. Thomas J. Herzfeld, says he is almost totally out of the market now, 90

percent in cash. For the long run, Mr. Herzfeld likes international stocks, but not at these prices. "We're very risk-averse. As a rule," he said, "you'll find us buying on all sorts of disasters. revolutions, loan defaults. We sell on

things like free-trade agreements."

Mr. Herzfeld is right. The news from Asia and Latin America, especially in the past year with the approval of GATT and NAFTA, has been good — too good. It is easy to forget that dictators are not forever benign, that some countries have been known to suffer coups and to nationalize private firms, freeze

prices and renounce their debts. Of course, there was that little mess in Chiapes at the first of the year that knocked the Mexico Fund down a few points. The fact that investors shrugged the abortive revolution off is a sign of how dangerously buoyant international markets are right now. Another warning signal for Mr. Herzield is that investment gurus

"are saying you should allocate a certain percentage of your portfolio to emerging market stocks." They gave the same advice for gold in 1980, just as the precious metals markets were hitting their peak. Research indeed shows that broadly diversifying with international stocks can be a way to smooth out the ups

and downs of the U.S. market. But piling into those shares at the same time as everyone else can be poison. The current craze has boosted the price-to-carnings ratio of the average stock in Malaysia to 43; in Argentina, to 41; in India, to 39. In other words, investors are currently willing to pay nearly twice as much

for the average Malaysian stock as for the average U.S. stock, These may, in fact, be brilliant choices. But one problem with investing in emerging-market mutual funds

amount in the second pienary sitting of the Peace Conference at the Quair d'Orsay, yesterday [Jan, 25]. This principle is that the League must

is that you have to out blind faith in the manager. The Securities and Ex-change Commission, for example, does not require the foreign compa-nics whose shares comprise a mutual

information about their finances. Also, as the SEC's Jerry deMichaehis pointed out, there are lots of other potential risks, including "currency fluctuations," tax peculiarities, "reduced liquidity" and price volatility. One characteristic of a mania is that investors lose their memories. What they are forgetting this time is that foreign stocks don't go up all the time. Turkish Investment, a closedend fund that was a star in 1993, fell

in each of the three preceding years.

including drops of 36 percent in 1990 and 40 percent in 1992.

Despite the recent run-up, the average annual return for all international open-end mutual funds for the last five years is still only about half the 15 percent rate for funds that invest in U.S. stocks, according fund to disclose even rudimentary

to Morningstar.

If you believe, as I do, that the world economy will boom in the years ahead with the popularity of free markets, then the best place for your money may be in the United States — in the shares of well run, closely scrutinized companies that do lots of business abroad, such as Pep-siCo, General Electric or Lockheed. There are a few thousand more to choose from, as well.

Not exciting enough? Then go out and buy some tulip bulbs. The Washington Post.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Spanish Anarchists

BARCELONA - A working mason professing to be an Anarchist, fired at the Prefect to-day [Jan. 25] with a pistol and wounded him in the head. The Anarchist was arrested. The New York Herald comments: The Anarchists in Spain are unsubdued. After this fresh outrage society ought to understand the necessity of defending itself with all the energy of which it is capable. It will eventually be forced to realize the fact that the Anarchists are fighting not against one person or another, but against all existing institutions."

1919: League Approved

PARIS - President Wilson's principle for a League of Nations, seconded by Mr. Lloyd George, Signor Orlando and others, was unanimously adopted in the second plenary sitting

meet the approval of the plain people of the world; that it should be an instrument in insuring the future peace of the world, and not merely in arranging a European settlement: that it should be something vital, not merely formal or occasional, in the promotion of international co-operation. Preliminary resolutions were adopted on war responsibility, punishment and reparation.

1944: Cassino Liberated ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AL-GIERS - [From our New York edi-

tion: American troops, throwing a new bridgehead across the Rapido River, reached Cassino today [Jan. 25] and found the Germans had abandoned the stronghold of their southern front in Italy in what appeared to be the beginning of a general withdrawal to avoid being trapped by the new landings below Rome. An American patrol entered Cassino and found the town deserted except for a solitary German sentry.

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## Hear the Rhetorical Presidency

WASHINGTON — All the folderol surrounding State of the Union addresses illustrates the state of the union.

The president — any president — enters the House chamber to ridiculously prolonged applause. The applauders are politicians, whose excessive praise of one another expresses ambivalence about praise: Any but unlimited praise may imply limits to their praiseworthiness. The president then speaks to the nation, over the heads of the audience the constitu-

Political leaders did not always speak past one another to vast

and amorphous

constituencies. tion stipulates: It is to Congress that the president is supposed to give "information of the state of the union." Then an opposition leader delivers a televised "re-

sponse" written days before he has heard what he is responding to. Interbranch deliberation has long since been displaced by rhetoric designed to produce mass effects. Jeffrey Tulis of the University of Texas, author of "The Rhetorical Presidency," notes that leaders of the two political branches did not always speak past one another to vast amorphous constituencies. During the first two presidencies, those of George Washington and John Adams, the House and Senate formed committees to draft responses to the president's address. The responses were carried to the

president, who responded to the delegations delivering them.

Thomas Jefferson ended the practice of delivering the State of the Union message in person to Congress. Henry Adams, in his his-tory of the Jefferson administra-

By George F. Will

tion, notes that the Jefferson-Madison faction considered the custom of presidents addressing Congress "an English habit" smacking of monarchical grandeur.

When the practice of delivering the State of the Union in person to Congress was revived, in 1913, the reviver was a former professor of political science who had, as prolessors are apt to have, a theory.
Woodrow Wilson believed that the presidency is the only office able to, or even entitled to, impart movement to government. Wilson thought the president must, with his rhetoric, energize the public in

order to compel Congress.

Wilson thus rejected the modest notion of the presidency endorsed by the first president and the foundny me msi presanent ana me nomb-ing generation. The biographer James Flexner says that Washing-ton "did not visualize the president as an initiator of policy, a prime mover." Washington wrote: "The election of the different branches of Congress by freemen, either directly or indirectly, is the pivot on which

turns the first wheel of the government, a wheel which communicates motion to all the rest." Conservatives, who once believed in congressional supremacy. now accept the Wilsonian model of the presidency, for three reasons. First, it is now conventional, and so are they. Second, Congress is controlled by Democrats. Third, their recent hero, Ronald Wilson Rea-

gan, had the rhetorical skills requi-

site for a Wilsonian presidency. Liberals have two reasons for favoring a Wilsoman presidency. The rhetorical presidency is suited to stirring passions, such as fear, which can reconcile the public to expansive government. And such a presidency encourages plebiscitary, nondeliberative government
— the framing of public disputes starkly as "us versus them."

Health care reform, the presi-

dent's probable preoccupation in Tuesday's State of the Union adillustrates tendencies of the modern presidency. Reform has been identified with the presidency, with the implication that any reform by Congress less sweeping than the president's will reflect the parochialism of a lesser institution.

Further, the drive for vast expansion of government in the name of reform has been fueled by manufac tured fear — the declaration that America's health care system is in "crisis." What should be a deliberative process is becoming a cartoon conflict of heroes and villains.

Inflation in the health care sector has been cited by the president as one of the primary justifications for his 1,300-page reform bill. However, that inflation continues to decline, to 6.3 percent in the first half of 1993 and 4.4 in the second half, largely because of reasonable public and private sector responses to market forces.
Yet Vice President Al Gore.

asked whether declining inflation indicates a diminished need for radical surgery on the system, says he sees something sinister:
"Oh, 1 don't think there's any

doubt about what it indicates. It indicates that some of those who were shamelessly exploiting the sys-tem got scared to death as health care reform began to be debated and as the administration and allies of ours in the Congress said that they were going to put the spotlight on the worst examples of abuses in the system. And I mean there's a lot of anecdotal evidence of boards of these companies sitting around saying, hey, we better cool it and slow down these cost increases while this

bande's going on." Does any serious person really believe inflation is significantly caused or contained by cabals of villains? Probably not, but such folderoi flows from the rhetorical presidency, which was to be on display in the House chamber Tuesday. Washington Post Writers Group.



# Democrats Just Don't Do Scandals Right

ASHINGTON — Before the ASHINGTON—Beater the Republicans begin salivating over the prospect of Bill Clinton's downfall from the Whitewater controversy, the public ought to consider an important point: Democrats are too inept to orchestrate a scandal on the grand

scale of their opposition.

The Republican Party is expert on scandal, having refined it to an art form. What the Republicans have got on to is the basic secret of scandal management: The best de-fense is to make the scandal inde-

By Robert Hirschfeld

fensible. Smartly making their misdeeds intricate, obtuse and allencompassing, they ensure immunity because the press and public can't possibly absorb it ail.

For example, during the Iran-contra hearings, countries were referred to by letters and people by code names. And who can figure out all the byzantine connec-tions in the BCCI bank fraud case (never mind BNL)?

(never mind BNL)?

The Clintons ought to borrow a page from the Republicans, and add some complication to their handling of the Whitewater case.

• Link Madison to BCCL Claim

that a secret shish fund was created to launder money via a BCCI branch in Baghdad. Hint that the CIA was involved.

• Create a "patriotic" cause as the impetus for it all. Have someone from the Arkansas National Guard appear in full uniform to give a spirited explanation of how socialist forces were rising up in Grenada and threatening U.S. glob-al security, so supplies for building bunkers were sold to Saddam Hussein and the profits diverted to a Panamanian hit squad that was training to invade the island. • Claim that Neil Bush was on

on whose board George Bush's son once sat, had failed at horrendous cost to the taxpaver. Linking Neil Bush to Madison will insulate the Clintons if they are connected to a mere \$60 million bailout. • Stage a break-in. Organize a

the board of Madison Guaranty.

The public barely flinched when it

found out that the Silverado S&L.

group of thieves - real plumbers would be appropriate — to break into the Arkansas Republican headquarters to steal files.

• Use selective amnesia. How

can the Clintons be expected to remember all the petty details in this case when they have more important things to think about, such being the leader and the first lady of the free world?

• Insist on a congressional committee investigation. Let all the key players involved testify before a oint committee under immunity so they can spill their guts and then be insulated from prosecution by a

special counsel. • Have Socks write a book. There's nothing like having an adorable First Pet deflect adversity and create a warm fuzzy feeling toward 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. Hirschjeld, a writer and television producer, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

## Later Than You Think, And It Was Longer Ago

By Christopher Caldwell

W ASHINGTON — People are VV pretty good sports about the new year. Day after routine day. we sustain our psyches with the myth that history's true here-andnow is precisely the period of our our lives. Then every Jan. 1, at the flip of the calendar, we discover that our experiences and memories are another year removed from the

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#### MEANWHILE

present. They, and we, are sliding inexorably toward that dimness known as "the past."

This becomes apparent when we play a simple game with the way time passes. It works like this: You think of a recent event and then show that it actually occurred closer to some relatively ancient event than to the present. If someone describes himself as, say, a "child of the Watergate era"

to suggest youthfulness, you can note correctly that the 1972 Watergate break-in is closer in time to the rise of Joseph McCarthy in 1950 than it is to the present day. li you are into middle age, be

prepared to discover that today's college students and office interns think of Sputnik the way you think of Prohibition. To them, the Vietnam War is as remote as the Great Depression is to you. Now we're into 1994, when for

the first time: • The Arab oil embargo (1973) is closer to the Rosenberg execu-tions (1953) than it is to us.

• The first manned moon landing (1969) is closer to Hiroshima (1945) than to us. Hiroshima, in turn, has since last year been clos-er to San Juan Hill (1898) than

it is to us. Musicai memories will be particularly misleading. It is surprising how much of the new music that

you like is old: • Beatlemania (1964) is closer to "Porgy and Bess" (1936) than to us. • Even that anthem of the hereand-now from the Clinton presidential campaign, Fleetwood Mac's "Don't Stop (Thinking

About Tomorrow)" (1977), is closer to Henry Mancini's "Moon River" (1961) than to us. If your interests ran more to sports than to music, you might be

horrified to know that:

• Mickey Mantle's major league career (1951-68) is closer to Ty Cobb's (1905-28) than it is to the Oriole outsielder Jessrey Hammonds's (1993-present).

· Jackie Robinson's majorleague debut (1947) is closer to Queen Victoria's reign (1837-1901) than it is to us.

The 1960s are especially fertile ground for this game. They are today's encompassing decade, having been shared by most of the present twentysomethings (all those 24 and older) as well as by people born as long ago as the Civil War. Ruminate on these nuggets:

• Richard Nixon's inauguration

(1969) is closer to Franklin Roosevelt's administration (1932-45) than to Bill Clinton's; FDR's inauguration is closer to Ulysses Grant's administration (1869-77) than it is to President Clinton's.

 The founding of Students for a Democratic Society (1960) is closer to the Coolidge administration (1923-29) than to Mr. Clinton's.

The Bay of Pigs invasion (1961) is closer to the 1929 stock

market crash than it is to us. • John F. Kennedy's election (1960) is closer to Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic (1927) than it is to us.

The game is instructive for certain historic events, too, particularly when we feel like congratulating ourselves on our modernity: • The development of the birth control pill (1957) is closer to the

19th Amendment (women's suffrage. in 1920) than it is to us.

Martin Luther King's Montgomery bus boycott (1955) is closer to the sinking of the Lusitania

O Ernest Herningway's "The Sun Also Rises" (1922) is closer to the American Civil War than to us.

The opening of the first Oldsmobile factory (1901) is as close to Thomas Leffender (1901) is as close to Thomas Leffender (1901). (1917) than it is to us.

Thomas Jefferson's administration (1801-09) as to Bill Clinton's. • The development of psycho analysis by Frend's colleague Josef Breuer (1882) is closer to the Boston Tea Party (1773) than to us. And if you want to take a really

ong view of things, consider that: • The Boston Massacre (1770) is closer to the reign of Henry VIII

(1509-47) than it is to us.

• The establishment of Harvard (1636) is closer to Kublai Khan's Sung campaign (1279) than to us.

• The founding of Jamestown

(1607) is only three years closer to us than to the signing of the Magna Carta (1217).

That last one may point up the only silver lining in this contempla-tion of Time the Implacable: If you take your vitamins, exercise enough

and avoid fatty foods, you might outlive the era of speeches that begin. "As a young country ...

The writer is assistant managing editor of The American Speciator. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A Culture of Clique

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Regarding "A Destructive Cul-ture of Critique" (Opinion, Jan. 18) by Deborah Tannen and "Shouting at One Another in Lieu of Useful Debate" (Opinion, Jan. 20) by Wil-

Has the press really gotten nastier over the past few years, as your columnists suggest? A look at the savage newspapers of the 19th century would suggest not. Far from living in a "culture of critique," we niture of clique."

Although Ms. Tannen did not mention politics, she did address her comments first to the mysterious Renaissance Weekend group, which President Bill Clinton and a thousand of his closest friends famously attend. Surely a reader is meant to believe that Ms. Tannen is indirectly referring to recent press attacks on the White House. Whether so or not, Ms. Tannen's suggestion that the truth is not found in opposition but in a "crystal of many ideas" is either banal or insidious. Banal if she is saying that people make up their own minds after hearing many different points of view. Insidious if she is suggesting that people who have "the truth" often cannot express it in the face of hostile criticism. No politician has "the truth" - however much the "Friends of Bill"

would like us to think so. As for the use of tough language, I find it hard to express my outrage at the White House maction during the Bosnian crisis in any other tone of voice. To be gentler in remind-ing Western politicians of their pu-

sillanimity would be to let a second

Holocaust go unnoticed. CHANDLER ROSENBERGER. Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The Biggest Dragon Regarding "Don't Trust the Reports of Superheated Growth" (Opinion, Jan. 19) by Christopher

ingle and Kurt Wickman: The authors, senior fellows in European affairs at Singapore University, question the accuracy of World Bank estimates of China's economic growth. Perhaps, they say, the World Bank did not allow for inflation. Perhaps, it mistook — Fetns and Soul Guangdong's growth rate for that of the whole of China.

Regarding "Taking

The World Bank made no such dementary mistakes. The bank maintains a resident team of economists in China (and other large countries) who collect data from governments at regular intervals and check them when necessary. It is not uncommon for newly

emerging economies in the Asia-Pacific to register double digit growth rates. Japan did so in the 1960s, the four "little dragons" did it during much of the 1970s. Malaysia and Thailand in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Last month, the world's top credit rating agency, Moody's, up-graded China's credit rating from Baal to A3. China's exports in

1992 came to \$83 billion, as compared, for example, to \$20 billion for India. Foreign investors committed \$100 billion in direct investment in China last year.

Recognizing China

Regarding the report "Paris and Beijing Reconcile, but Taiwan Will Get a Last Jet Shipment" (Jan. 13):

The article perpetuates the myth that France was the first Western country to recognize Communist China in 1964. That is not so. Brit-ain and the Scandinavian countries recognized Mao's China in the spring of 1950, only six months after the proclamation of the People's Republic on October 1, 1949. ESKIL SVANE

#### Pouzols, France.

Regarding "Taking the Measure of the Soul" (Health/Science, Jan. 6) by Malcolm W. Browne:

What commenced as a witty, lighthearted proposal to prove that the soul is a tangible, identifiable entity concluded with Dr. Jones's chilling premise that "if the soul turns out to enter the fetus quite late in pregnancy, the religious arguments against con-traception and early abortion will

be neatly disproved." I'm a carpenter by trade. One of the many phases of homebuilding I have been involved in is framing. The framing of a home, though a first step, is as valued as any phase of homebuilding. Is the not yet fully developed human embryo or fetus any different? Perhaps not, except for the fact that it is alive making it all the more valuable. Regardless of when the soul en-

ters the fetus, it should be nurtured and brought to completeness so JOHN WONG. that it, too, can be home to a soul,

Ivry-sur-Seine, France. The answer as to when the soul enters the body is most clearly stated in the Book of Genesis, 27: "And the Lord God formed man of

rather like the houses I build from

FRANK ARMITAGE.

the first nail to the last.

the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Thus, the soul enters the body after birth, and leaves the body with the last breath LLOYD WHITNEY.

#### A Moveable Feast

Regarding "Thanksgiving Days" (Letters, Jan. 7):

Sydney M. Cone 3d writes that President Franklin D. Roosevelt "did not tamper with the date of Thanksgiving until the outbreak of World War II in order to reduce holiday disruption of war production." As one who has taught U.S. history for over a half century and who was back "home" in 1939, I

In August 1939 — more than two years before Pearl Harbor and even before World War II had started - FDR proclaimed Thanksgiving Day for a week earli-er than the previous last Thursday of November, to encourage holiday shopping by making the interval before Christmas a bit longer. In 1941, Congress adopted 2 joint resolution setting Thanksgiving on the fourth, rather than the

last, Thursday in November. BERNARD SINSHEIMER. Boulogne, France.

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#### **BOOKS**

SEEDS IN THE HEART: Japanese Literature From Earliest Times to the Late Sixteenth Century

By Donald Keene. 1,265 pages. \$50. Henry Holt.

Reviewed by

Anthony Thwaite Anthony Hiwatto

A LMOST 40 years ago, preparing to set out on my first visit to Japan, I read Donald Keene's "Japanese Literantre: An Introduction for Western Readers." In 110 pages, Keene's book elegantly and appetizingly surveyed a thousand years of verse, prose and drama. Though verse, it gave me what seemed a clear project of a literature with as long notion of a literature with as long and continuous a history of excellence as any in the world.

The New York Times

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Since then Keene, a professor at heart, and grows into countless lized European Renaissance man exercising his fluent Latin. lished himself as a magisterial gobetween, transmitting Japanese culture to English-readers both in his historical surveys and in his translations. Seeds in the Heart is the fourth and last of his large-scale literary histories, following three earlier books on Japanese lit-erature from 1600 to about 1970.

Keene's trile comes from a text that he had already used to good effect in his earlier book: the pref-

13 SMILLA'S SENSE OF

From early times there is an aland the history march side by side. most obsessive concern with craft especially strictness of form and poetic diction — an appreciation of wordplay and a belief that a poem did not belong exclusively to its creator. Over the more than seven centuries covered in this book, and well erature from 1600 to about 1970. beyond that, even to the present This volume covers the period from day, Japanese poets have taken up the beginnings, the Record of An-cient Matters of A. D. 712, to the words as those in existing poems. late 16th century, just before the priding themselves not on "original-late of Sekigahara, when the To-kugawa clan unified the country.

words as those in existing pooring in themselves not on "original-lity" but on their skill in paying homage to past masters, playing endless variations on themes.

For centuries, some of these masters were not Japanese but essentialace, written in A.D. 905, to the ly Chinese. To write polished Chi-"Kokinshu" anthology: "Japanese ness verse and prose was a courtly poetry has for its seed the human accomplishment, much like a civi-

win rewards long before there was anything that in modern terms could be called publication. Some of the great figures were women — a phenomenon not to be found in the West until many years later. Lady Murasaki is the prime example, but Keene is scrupulous at putting her major achievement. The Tale of Genji, in context,

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acteristic ploys and observations. By the end of the book, we have reached the brief, tantalizing period of early European influence, including the possible arrival of a version of Homer's "Odyssey," shortly be-fore the beginning of Tokugawa iso-lationism for more than 200 years. The Noh has reached its peak, and

> as full and readable as ever. Anthony Thwaite, who co-edited the "Penguin Book of Japanese Verse," wrote this for The Washing-

the Kabuki is in embryo, lt is an

extraordinary story; and completes Keene's great work of scholarship,

# In Clinton's Battle Plan, No Room for 'Big Government'

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's latest public enemies list contains three strong opponents: an expensive health-insurance system that leaves the poor behind, a welfare program that rewards indo-

lence and a serious national fear of violent crime. Mr. Clinton plans frontal attacks on all three in an ambitious 1994 legislative agenda, but wants to wage the battle without an army of "big government" regulators, according to aides and analysts.

The president was to lay out these priorities Tuesday night before a joint session of Congress in his first official State of the Union address.

The needs and concerns of middle-class Americans. especially in the area of crime, were foremost in the

Among the freshest proposals from Mr. Clinton, disclosed earlier Tuesday, were:

· Endorsement of legislation calling for life in prison without parole for people committing a third vio-

 A request for \$6.6 billion in emergency aid for earthquake-stricken Los Angeles, on top of \$900 milhon already committed.

• A call for simultaneous congressional action this

year on health-care reform and major changes in the welfare system.

The president also was expected to announce a hold-the-line military budget that contains no spend-

ing reductions beyond those already envisioned In addition, he was sure to highlight projections showing the 1993 federal budget deficit at \$180 billion. far below the initial estimate of \$300 billion. Lower interest payments on the government debt appear to account for much of the drop.

White House officials said Mr. Clinton planned to leaven his speech with renewed calls for individual responsibility, community involvement and lean government, themes enunciated for years by Republican candidates but claimed by Mr. Clinton in 1992.

The Democratic president enters the new legislative year backed by a surging economy and enviable public opinion polls, in which he enjoys a 55 to 60 percent approval rating. But many of the political obstacles that he encountered in his first year in office remain: powerful mavericks in his own party; Republicans who have maintained a constant and broad opposition to White House programs, and promised resistance on health-care reform from Ross Perot, the political

Strong political currents will affect the 1994 legisla tive debate. The congressional elections in November are expected to weaken Democratic majorities in the account of the congressional elections in November ways to use military bases as are expected to weaken Democratic majorities in the

House and Senate - which is usual in mid-term elections - and Mr. Clinton is struggling to keep those losses to a minimum

It appears that crime control will figure prominently in those campaigns, largely because public fear of violent crime has soared in recent months following a wave of highly publicized incidents of ruthless, random attacks.

George Stephanopoulos, a senior White House aide, said Tuesday that Mr. Clinton would be "quite specific" in his approach to crime.

"Number one." Mr. Stephanopoulos said. "he thinks that we have to put 100,000 police on the street. Number two, he thinks we have to get assault weapons, the kind of weapons that kids are using to kill kids all over this country, away. And finally, he's going to say that we have to do something to punish viole criminals. If you commit three violent felonies, he thinks you ought to be put away for life."

The so-called three-strikes-and-you're-out proposal opposed by some liberal House Democrats who could stall crime legislation.

The president also was likely to call for sending more first-time young offenders to "boot camps." where personal discipline is stressed, and may suggest ways to use military bases as regional prisons for

Mr. Clinton's major domestic priority - health insurance for all Americans — has been under attack from doctors, insurers and members of Congress for

But Mr. Clinton "wants to guarantee private insurance to every American that can't be taken away no matter what," Mr. Stephanopoulos said. "That is critical." he added. "That's what he's going

A pivotal question is whether a new health-insurance system should require employers to provide covcrage, as Mr. Clinton believes, or whether individuals should be required to carry coverage, as rival healthcare plans insist. The president wants all Americans to be covered by a basic package of benefits, without regard to pre-existing health conditions. Many rival plans call for a long phase-in period for coverage of those who cannot afford to purchase their own cover-age. An estimated 37 million Americans have no

The White House had wavered on whether to pursue welfare revisions this year, apparently fearing that a divisive debate could overshadow health-reform efforts. But Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democratic chairman of the powerful Senate Fin Committee and a welfare expert, publicly insisted that elfare legislation be submitted this year.

ports to Japan, and would fuel con-

gressional demands for a harsher stance toward Tokyo. In addition

it would cost the administration

credibility with a range of U.S. business interests who want hard-

and-fast trade commitments from

Japan in the key sectors in question

and telecommunications equip-

On one point, both U.S. and Jap-

anese officials agree: A vaguely phrased agreement will not resolve the problem that is at the core of

the dispute - the lack of trust the

agreements by Tokyo to lower vari-

ous import barriers have failed to

produce the hoped-for results be-cause of the tightly woven bonds

among Japanese manufacturers, suppliers and distributors.

market truly open, in Washington's view, is to strike agreements that

will produce "measurable results,"

such as the 1986 and 1991 computex-chip accords that envisioned for-

eign companies attaining a 20 per-

cent share of the Japanese market.

not mean they are asking for "tar-

gets." But that is not how Japanese

officials interpret it. "If it looks like

a duck, walks like a duck and

quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck," a top official at the Minis-

try of International Trade and In-

Japanese officials argue that

such agreements will invariably be

misconstrued in Washington as

firm government guarantees, with

the possibility of sanctions being

imposed against Japan if the

amount of foreign goods purchased does not hit the desired level.

dustry declared.

U.S. negotiators insist this does

So the only way to make the

U.S. officials contend that past

two sides have in each other.

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#### TRADE: U.S. and Japan Stuck

to be fighting for over this year."

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its trade policy with Japan, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen warned in Tokyo on Sunday. That could lead to U.S. trade sanctions against Japanese prod-ucts and Japanese retaliation

against the United States, according to administration officials. chilling Mr. Clinton's efforts to create new links with all of Asia's fast-

At issue is the administration demand for specific goals for Japanese purchases of foreign goods and the removal of trade barriers.
Although U.S. officials sugarcoat their position by using less-contro-versial words like "benchmarks" and "yardsticks," Tokyo continues to see the U.S. position as a demand for numerical import targets and rejects them as antithetical to

The deep divisions between the countries are sharpened by the po-litical crisis enguling the Japanese government. Mr. Hosokawa, who has tied his future to the adoption of broad political reforms, suffered a critical setback last week when parliament's upper house rejected his plan. He has until Saturday to revive it.

Some U.S. officials believe that Washington must avoid undermining Mr. Hosokawa and his shaky ight-party coalition governmen It has placed top priority on such Washington-backed policies as climinating corruption from the political system, reining in the power of the entrenched bureaucracy and stimulating consumer pur-

A U.S. business executive in Tokyo who is involved in trade issues predicted that the pressures on both sides to avoid a confrontation will lead to a summit "agreement next month that settles little much like the July agreement.

"From the beginning it was very clear that both sides were declaring agreement differently to their respective audiences, the executive said. And now, he added, chances are that the two sides will again

Mr. Bentsen disputed such predictions. "Don't you believe it." he declared at a news conference in Tokyo. "We will not settle for any cosmetic agreement. We'd rather have no agreement."

A mushy deal in February, administration strategists say, would mock repeated U.S. vows to create American jobs by expanding ex-

fessor at Tokyo University and a

former high commissioner of Ja-pan's Space Activities Commis-sion. Moreover, to be useful in

transporting supplies to a space station, the weight of the shuttle

would have to be twice the lifting

capacity of the H-II, meaning the

rocket will have to be improved, he

There are other plans for space

as well. The Ministry of Interna-

tional Trade and Industry wants to do mining on the moon. But that is considered even more of a long

Still, even if some of the future uses for the H-II seem doubtful, to

Japan, the important thing seems to be the development of indigenous technology. "This is fundamental to the way Japanese feel

about national security and tech-

nology," said Richard J. Samuels, a

professor at the Massachusetts In-

shot than the shuttle.

#### A Settlement Continued from Page 1

JACKSON:

Jackson met privately in the cham bers of Superior Court Judge Da-

vid Rothman before announcing the settlement. Before the hearing a source close to the case said the settlement was "in eight figures." The source spoke on condition of

Johnnie Cochran, one of Mr. Jackson's lawyers, said the settlement was not an admission of guilt

by the singer.
"Michael Jackson has maintained his innocence since the beginning of this matter and now, since this matter will soon be con-chided, he still maintains that innocence." Mr. Cochran said. "In short, he is an innocent man who does not intend to have his career and his life destroyed by rumors and innuendo.

The lawsuit filed in September alleged that Mr. Jackson, 35, committed sexual battery, seduction, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence in a campaign to entice the boy last year.

Based on the boy's allegations, authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties began a crimi-nal probe that has continued for five months. No charges have been filed, and experts said that Tuesday's settlement would probably bring an end to the criminal investi-

There's little reason the boy's parents would want to see their child exposed to public scrutiny and media scrutiny in a criminal trial," said Peter Arenella, a UCLA law professor. "It's very likely the boy won't want to cooperate, and the state lacks the authority to force him to cooperate by threatening him with contempt."

#### Pump Is Blamed In Ariane Crash

Agence France-Presse KOUROU, French Guiana Overheating in the turbo-pump of an Ariane rocket's third stage caused it to crash with its payload of two telecommunications satellites, the European space program

said Tuesday. The rocket failed after launching on Monday because ball-bearings in the shaft of the pump overheated, said Charles Bigot, chief execu-tive officer of Arianespace in

The insurance bill for the rocket and its payload totals \$356 million, sources at the French space-insurance company Faugère & Jutheau said. The rocket was carrying a Turkish telecommunications satellite, Turksat-IA, and a European Telecommunications Organization satellite, Entelsat-II-F5.

## Hanoi's Neighbors Applaud Reforms Shift Might Avert an Exodus

By Michael Richardson azernational Revald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Victiam's neighbors, fearing a renewed outflow of Vietnamese refugees, are giving strong support to the program of economic reform being applied by Hanoi.
As Vietnam's rulers struggle to control transition to a market economy, Southeast Asian nations that once feared Communists now say they see change as a safeguard against instability and a means for peaceful evolu-

They also see political, economic and security benefits in developing a close relationship with the Hanoi regime, observers and analysts say.

tion to non-Communist govern-

By opening up to foreign trade and investment, Vietnam and the other countries of Indochina, Laos and Cambodia, are becoming markets for ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

However, the gap in levels of development between Indochins and the more rapidly growing ASEAN group of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines. Singapore, Thailand and Brunei may cause friction.

"Our goal must be shared prosperity for all," said Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's deputy prime minister and finance

There must not be two Southeast Asias, one rich and the other poor, he said. "None of us would like to see the prevailing situation persist, where ASEAN grows twice as fast as the other states in the region collectively." Vietnamese leaders are seek-ing to maintain their political

system while using market-oriented policies to generate the economic growth that commu-nism failed to produce. They insist that the Communist Party must retain its mo-

nopoly on political power, rejecting multiparty politics. In a policy review session in Hanoi that ended Tuesday, Ha Dang, head of the ideology and culture commission of the Vietnam Communist Party, said the party had started "the renewal process and it will lead this pro-

cess to a successful conclusion." The party, which led the fight against foreign forces from Japan, France and the United States and its allies between 1941 and 1975, has nearly 3 million members in a popula-tion of 72 million.

After the fall of the U.S.-

backed government of South Vietnam, tens of thousands of Vietnamese fleeing political persecution and hardship sought asylum in neighboring Hong Kong and Southeast

Asia.
The outflow ended when Vietnam's economic reforms took hold. ASEAN officials assert that growth and develop-ment in Vietnam could be dis-

rupted by political instability. They also argue that support from Western governments; Vietnamese emigré groups and human rights organizations for liberalization strengthens the hand of conservatives in the party who want to slow the pace

of economic reform on the

grounds that it is undermining

On his most recent visit to Hanoi, Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior minister, said that the Communist Party had deep roots in the people and a mo-nopoly on talent. "I do not buy the Western view that this is a Communist party on its way out," he asserted.

However, he said that Vietnam's rulers would become non-Communist as the economy developed. "The older generation may still be Markist in their thinking, but I don't see younger people in their thirties or forties as firm believers in Marxist theory, let alone Lenin-

Mr. Lee added that he did not foresee multiparty politics in Vietnam for a long time because there was no alternative to the entrenched system in

which one party was dominant. Yet some analysts and observers are convinced that economic liberalization in Vietnam and China will transform the politics of both.

Robert A. Scalapino, a former director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, said that Leninist political institutions in Asia "must now evolve in the direction of greater flexibility in the face of growth in economic and social diversity, in demands for inclusion in the political process, and in the influence of external trends" toward democratiza-

Economists and businessmen with experience in Vietnam say that despite the economic advances that have been made in recent years, it may take the country at least two more decades to reach the level of a newly industrialized economy. In the meantime, corruption and abuse of power are rife, health and education services

are crumbling, and the gap be-tween rich and poor is growing. Unemployment and underemployment are at unacceptably high levels and may get worse if the government proceeds with plans to close mon-cy-losing state enterprises.

Kevin Chew, regional economist in the Knala Lumpur of-fice of Baring Research, said that although there was no major organized opposition to the Vietnamese government, criti-

The risk is that political lib-

cralization will eventually lead to demands for political-freedom, making it increasingly dif-ficult for communism and a free market to coexist," he added.

## RUSSIA: Moscow Talking Tough

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Russia and its neighbors is imtense negotiations. Then there are mense. Russians watch the evening the shattered remains of the old news and hear about Russian sol-Soviet economy, a system built on diers being killed on Tajikistan's interdependence among republics and relying on Russia's rich reborders, about Georgia's president Eduard A. Shevardnadze, begging serves of gas, oil and other natural for Russian military assistance in one war after denouncing Russian

After two years of floundering. Moscow has begun to pull some of these elements back together again, which has stirred up a troubling question: Is Russia trying anew to establish its old regional hegemoformer Soviet Union, the episodes take on a different meaning. Tajiki-stan is widely seen as having fallen

The gulf in perceptions between

#### **BORDERS:** As Tight as Ever

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cannot communicate with the data bank in Strasbourg, France, because of faulty software supplied by France's Groupe Bull, officials

In Boan, Bernd Schmidbaner, secretary of state in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said he would meet with representatives of Bull and Siemens, which made the data bank hardware, in three weeks. One Schengen source in Brussels said the group hoped to resolve the problem by summer.

The European Parliament is suing the European Commission in the European Court of Justice, saying it has failed to enforce the free movement of people, a right spelled out in the Single European Act of 1985. The commission appears willing to pass the buck for now. Some members of the European

Parliament want the commission to force Britain, Ireland and Denmark out of their isolation. Mr. Turner said he wanted to ensure that those countries do not find themselves cut off any further from the Schengen group.
But Robert Court, a spokesman

for the Unied Kingdom in Brussels, poured cold water on the idea of any early rapprochement between

Britain and the Schengen group, since the elections, it is clear that

In Eastern Europe, as in the for-mer Soviet Union, history has taught Russia's neighbors to be cautious. Recent events like the December victory of the ultrana-tionalist political leader Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky and the resigna-tions last week of top economic reformers in the Russian cabinet have alarmed them. "In our case, the danger coming

interference in another. Often they

wonder why Russia is the region's

under Russia's tutelage, and Geor-

gia as having been forced back into Moscow's fold through dirty tricks.

Viewed from elsewhere in the

favorite whipping boy.

from Russia is so serious, so strong, that we feel we should look for security guarantees today," said Mr. Kahn, an economist who has served as Estonia's ambassador here since Moscow recognized the independence of the Beltic countries in 1991."

In fact, the threat of rising Rus-sian nationalism has served Moscow and its former satellites well in advancing their own agendas. Since the nationalists drew support in the Dec. 12 elections, the Russian govconment has had a threat to invoke as justification for its own wavering commitment to Western-style economic reform and for its assertive policies in the "near abroad" as the rest of the former Soviet Union is referred to in Russia.

As the elections showed, nostalgia for the old empire is a potent issue in Russia these days, while the initial thrill of forging new links with the West has worn thin, frayed by what many Russians see as a string of unfulfilled promises. Although Mr. Kozyrev has repeatedly denied that his policies have shifted Britam and the Schengen group.

Because Britam has just 36 entry points compared to thousands for other EU countries, "we can envisage a way of controlling access that other countries can't," Mr. Court said.

# TENSE TRUCE — A watchful soldier Tuesday in Maseru, the Lesotho capital, after rival army camps balted fighting to hold talks.

#### JAPAN: Everyone Is for Political Reform, but No One Understands It

Continued from Page 1 nese — that polls suggest almost no

one understands it. The details of both elements are being fought over in the current battle for control of the govern-ment, a contest in which there are no clear partisan lines. It will be over on Saturday, when the current

session of parliament expires. Mr. Hosokawa's ruling coalition have sharp internal disagreements shout the political reform bills agreed Tuesday to form a special committee to try to work out a compromise with the Liberal Democratic Party, which ran the country for 38 years until it was voted

out of power last summer The chances of a compromise emerging from the committee look slim, political experts say. But both sides were struggling Tuesday to make sure that if the political reform effort implodes here for the third time, the other side takes the

Mr. Hosokawa was reported to be readying a speech or press conference to take his case directly to the people, an unusual step for a Japanese prime minister to take over a piece of legislation. Then again, Mr. Hosokawa is the first Japanese prime minister known to keep a photograph of John F. Ken-

said that if the bills fail he would resign. Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata hinted that Mr. Hosokawa would dissolve the parliament and declare elections, after first calling one more vote that would flush out who was opposed to the reform bills and who favored them.

bureaucrat in Mr. Hosokawa's gov--a collection of eight parties that ernment said. "Once we had a government so stable that the rest of Asia admired Us. Not a banana republic."

But most important, the plan would ban any contributions to individual politicians. Only donations to parties would be permitted. The last point has outraged the Liberal Democrats, whose connections to the business community -

and a range of others.

"This is embarrassing," a senior The most straightforward part of

to be reported; currently donations of less than \$9,000 can go unreported. Any purchase of more than \$1,800 in tickets to a fund-raising parties would also have to be dis-

and abilities to fix contracts - are

the reform plan would, in theory, make it far easier to determine who is pumping money into the political system. Any donation exceeding the equivalent of \$450 would have

closed; the current limit is \$9,000.

tem is a far different matter. Cur-

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bers of Mr. Hosokawa's coalition in the country has four to six representatives. Until the big political ties: the Socialists, the Communists

> Under the new system all those Hosokawa n representative. And then, in addition to voting for one parliamentary representative, each voter would vote for a particular political party. Two-hundred and twenty-six seats would be decided that way, with

each party drawing up lists of names of party members who would fill those seats. nounced the plan. It was rigged, they said, guaranteed to keep the Liberal Democrats in power, maybe with 80 percent of the seats in parliament. Faced with electing a single representative, rather than a half dozen, Japan's cautious voters

would choose a conservative. Mr. Hosokawa and his coalition ally, Ichiro Ozawa, have often said that another fracturing was neces-Restructuring the electoral sys- sary to reorganize the forces of politics. And the electoral system rently, each parliamentary district was tweaked to do just that.

The changes would cut down on the number of districts, especially upheaval here last summer, when in overrepresented rural areas. two dozen Liberal Democrats de- That meant that at least 30 legislafected to new parties, most districts tors holding Liberal Democratic were represented by three or four seats would have to be edged Liberal Democrats and then by one for party nomination. Presum seats would have to be edged out or two members of the smaller par- many of them would defect to Mr. Hosokawa and Mr. Ozawa's par-

ties, which are short of candidates. Here is the mystery: To win a districts would be abolished. Each number of the directly elected new district — there are 274 in the seats, the coalition parties will have oppose the Liberal Democrats, or they will end up splitting the proreform votes. Right now, those parties can agree on very little. So the system could end up destroying the gloss over their differences.

reformers who passed it. Maybe that is why only 18 percent of Japanese voters in a recent poll said they wanted to change the Almost everyone outside the electoral system. Many of the rest Liberal Democratic Party de- of those polled, in this country of astounding mathematical skills and incredible literacy rates, said they were still trying to figure the whole

ROCKET: Japan in Space Race

next fiscal year, Japan is having second thoughts about the shuttle. This is in part because, much to Tokyo's annoyance, the U.S. space station project, in which Japan is participating, has been continually revised, raising doubts about its fu-

An advisory panel to the space agency last year recommended doing only preparatory research on Hope until 2000 and then deciding whether to build an operating vehicle. That means the shuttle will not be ready to fly until 2010, said Dr. Shigebumi Saito, an emeritus pro-

Lubbers's South Africa Visit

THE HAGUE - Prime Minister Rund Lubbers of the Netherlands will pay an official visit to South Africa Feb. 27-March 1, the government said on Tuesday.

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# STAGE/ENTERTAINMENT

Legendary Big Band Rides Again



Angela Vale as Nurse Sally and Geoffrey Bayldon as Old Beamish in Michael Hastings's "Unfinished Business."

# The Unfinished Business of Betrayal

By Sheridan Morley ional Herold Tribune

ONDON—Michael Hastings's "Un-finished Business," at the Barbican Pit, is a rambling, hamting timepiece that presents us with yet more remains of the day. Though the play was completed before the movie release, the parallels are very strong. Once again we are in a country house in middle England at the outbreak of World War IL Once again the master of the house is displaying dangerously fascist tenden-cies, and once again the butler has to decide on

the true nature of his service contract. So far, so familiar. But Hastings is talking about much more than the British Nazi Party or its weirder offshoots. He is talking about the corrupting effect of lives spent in service, and the tricks of memory. Three actors play his central character at 10, 17 and 70; in that one time, we are asked to see a microcosm of the

British class system gone rancid. But Hastings is also writing a country-house thriller and a contemporary memory play, so it is perhaps unsurprising that the script is often apt to drift through its rambling and diffuse corridors without any real sense of purpose until at the last, lives are brought almost too meetly had into a small frame of reference and neatly back into a single frame of reference and

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For all that, "Unfinished Business" touches on powerful themes of guilt and betrayal, whether sexual or political or social, and it questions the nature of service, whether domestic or national. Philip Voss leads a strong

The Peter Hall Company, currently respon-sible for just about all the classic revivals in

the commercial London theater, has another winner at the Globe with "An Absolute Turkey," the bedroom farce that Hall and his wife, Nicki Frei, have adapted and his wife, Nicki Frei, have adapted from Fey-deau's classic "Le Dindon." The translation proves lively enough ("My wife is charming, but she has been charming for a very long time now"), but Hall's real triumph has been to find enough comic misfits to flesh it out.

Not since the John Mortimer translations of Feydean in the earliest days of the National have we had such a vintage company of farce

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freaks. Griff Rhys-Jones, Geoffrey Hutchings, Ken Wynne and Peter Cellier all surround the ravishing Felicity Kendal with so many eccentricities of character and voice and manner that the evening becomes a riot of displaced identities. Hasten along.

What makes this such an unusual treat is not just the rare success that Hall has with rampant comedy. It is also the way in which he has managed to weld a random team of cla cal players and oddball comedians into a gen-nine ensemble with only a month or so of

The pace and timing are a rare joy to behold. as is the sheer confidence with which Feydeau (not always easily digested into the London theater) is tackled and celebrated at breakneck speed. What they have all understood is that farce is a serious business, to be played by actors who passionately believe in the absolute normality of whatever they happen to be doing at the time, and in a cast of 20 nobody ever puts a foot wrong even if the feet are sticking out from under the wrong beds in the wrong rooms on the wrong nights.

Daphne du Maurier's "September Tide," which ran briefly in the West End just after the war and which was intriguingly disinterred at the King's Head a few months ago, has now made it back into the West End, at the Comedy.

It is much belped by the recent biography of du Maurier by Margaret Forster, which suggested that there might be a coded message in here somewhere about the author's romantic if unrequited passion for Ellen Doubleday, her publisher's wife, and also for the original star of the show, Gertrude Lawrence.

The only problem is that the play isn't really about any of that. It's about a mother falling in love with her daughter's husband and deciding not to go to bed with him, and so far as has yet been established, that never happened in the du Maurier household. Still, the play does bear several other traces of Dame Daphne: a house on the Cornish cliffs, storm clouds gathering, ominous weather forecasts.

True, the birds outside all seem remarkably docile, and instead of Mrs. Danvers setting fire to the furniture we get a rather more passive cleaning lady content to chat ar local climatic conditions to any of the east members who happen to be standing around at the time without much to do, which is surpris-

In truth, this is a pretty terrible little play, but it does have certain back-to-basics values. Like The Age of Innocence," it is essentially Merchant-Ivory with catering, a return to a lost world where lonely widows (Susannah York at her most wistfully appealing) could rely on decent staff and jovial bachelors up the road to take their minds off darker sexual passions. Michael Praed as the artist beloved of mother and daughter does his best to look arty.

By Mike Zwerin

ARIS - There are no more big bands worth mentioning and music not being football there never was a best even in their heyday. Name recognition notwithstanding, the multina-tional Kenny Clarke-Francy Boland outlit deserves the highest marks.

Five stars for making accustic instrumental excellence viable into the 70s — heroic salesmanship and quality control in alien

Marshaling such superior, diverse, prima donna-prone Global Village personnel — American, British, Swedish, German, Turkish and Yugoslav — so many times over so many years (1961-1972) was a three-star miracle of logistics and dedication. Plus a star each for "Klook" Clarke's self-effacing timekeeping and the shy Belgian-born Boland's heroic and ecological arrangements. 10/10. Let's call it the best big band in Outer Ameri-

This month, a first, two of the C-BBB's 35 LPs were released in CD format. (There will be more.) Hear brainy, brawny compositions showcasing distinguished integrated improvisations rather than a string of riffs behind unconnected, verbose soloists. The music is symphonic, a harmonious and coherent combination of elements and colors. Principally informed by Jimmie Lunceford, the band sounds only like itself and not the least bit

Benny Bailey, Johnny Griffin, Ronnie

Scott, Dusko Gojkovic, Derek Humble, Sahib Shihab, Jimmy Woode, Ake Persson and Ahmed Muvaffak Faley are only some of the notable names. The eminence dorse on the scene was Gigi Campi, the Italian proprietor of the popular Cafe Campi, which he opened in 1949 on Hohestrasse in Cologne, where he was born in 1928.

Campi's socialist father, who had been deputy mayor of Milan, spent years on the lam from Mussolini in Germany. Switzerland and Paris. Jazz grew on preteen Gigi because he figured anything the fascists hat-ed so much must be O. K. The C-BBB would not have existed without Campi's money, taste, enthusiasm and organizational acu-

■ HE Voice Of America's Willis Conover said: The C-BBB "is convincing evidence that international boundaries have no more meaning at all to the practicing jazz musician." After hearing it at the Prague Jazz Festival in Octo-ber 1967, the Melody Maker critic Jack Hutton wrote: This is the finest big band in

And finally, after sustained high-volume listening while writing this. I have caved in.
The overall quality is greater than the sum of its already considerable parts. Without qualification - the Best, period.

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Kenny Clarke, the timekeeper.

# The Quake vs. Hollywood Stars

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - The homes of Warren Beauty. Walter Matthau and Jack Nicholson were seriously damaged. Barbra Streisand loss antiques. Carroll O'Connor closed his restaurant in Beverly Hills. Jerry Van Dyke said he was lucky to

"The whole roof came in on us." Van Dyke said of the devastating earthquake last week. "I have a lot of big fireplaces and chimneys, and they're no longer standing. We're lucky to be alive. I don't know how we got out."

The earthquake cut a swath across Los Angeles that affected just about everyone, including many of the wealthy and famous. Many live in hilltop houses overlooking the city, protected by security gates and high fences. The earthquake not only ravaged portions of the San Fernando Valley, where some celebrities live, but also Mullholland Drive, which is favored by many performers. But unlike the masses, many of whom faced weeks and months and hard-

ship, celebrities rushed to the Bel Air Hotel or to the unscathed mansions of friends.

Nicholson and his neighbors. Beauty and Annette Bening and their baby daughter, evacuated their homes atop Mullholland Drive.
The houses — and Nicholson's extensive art collection - suffered serious damage, friends

Norman Lear, the writer and producer, also evacuated his mansion in Mandeville Canyon. In the Toluca Lake area of the San Fernando Valley, Van Dyke's wooden house, built in 1936 by Bing Crosby, collapsed when the earthquake struck at 4:31 A. M. on Jan 17.

AN Dyke and his wife, Shirley, escaped serious injury because they were sleeping in a four-poster bed. The wooden roof of the bed broke the fall of the bricks that tumbled from the crushed roof.

Van Dyke appears in the television series which suspended production, as many other shows did, because of the earth-

The sound stage of the popular series "Sein-

feld," in Studio City, was so damaged that the show's producers were looking for another ven-

Other celebrities whose houses were seriously damaged, according to friends and associates, were Denzel Washington, who lives in Toluca Lake: the Los Angeles Kings player Wayne Gretzky, who lives in Sherman Oaks, and Jeff Bridges, who lives in Santa Monica.

Two leading actors in "NYPD Blue," Dennis Caruso and Nicholas Turturro, vacated their

The list also includes Quincy Jones, Paula Abdul, John Goodman and Danny DeVito. Barbra Streisand lost a substantial number of antiques, vases and electronic equipment at her

Beverly Hills home. Matthau, who told a Daily Variety columnist that he had suffered a \$6 million loss, said he had canceled his earthquake insurance three months ago because "the deductible was outra-

In addition to structural damage to their house, Matthau and his wife, Carol, lost art works and sculptures, and their swimming pool

# French Movie Firm Invades U.S.

By Joan Dupont

ARIS - Gaumont, the world's oldest movie company, known as la vieille dame, is going to turn 100 next year and has already started celebrating with a grand retrospective touring the United States and Canada. The show, "Garmont Presents: A Century of French Cinema," made up of shorts, features and newsreels from the pioneering 1900s to today, opens this week at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and travels all year, from Bedeekey to Chicago, ending up in Toronto.
These are curious times for French cinema: If

you call the old lady's Paris headquarters, instead of a nostable melody, you get the Genic's song from "Aladdin" on the recording. Yes, the company that produced austere masterpieces like Carl Dreyer's "The Passion of Joan of Arc" and Robert Bresson's "Un Condamne à mort and Kopen presson's On Congamme a mort s'est échappe" (A Condemned Man Escapes) does business with Disney these days.

Nicolas Seydonx, chairman of Gammont, explains that Gaumout and Disney have a joint distribution deal, signed a year ago. Seydoux is adept at straddling several worlds: He can talk about film treasures from the past and the CD-ROM future, and says he welcomes this tour as an opportunity to take on the art-versus-com-

"The idea of doing a major retrospective in liaison with other cinematheques started with the Museum of Modern Art in New York," he says. "And rarely have so many — 15 cinema-theques — participated in the same program." Seydonx calls the remospective a burthday party for a venerable family of entertainers the stars will be up on the screen, not in the theater. "When MGM did That's Entertainment, the star was American musical comedy,

but our star is the retrospective itself. Our founders, auteurs like Alice Guy and Louis Feuillade, actors like Musidora and Michel Simon, aren't around any more." The tour starts just when France's case for cultural specificity and its successful campaign to exclude film and television from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accord have put a chill on relations with the United States.

Seydoux thinks it is an interesting time to visit. Beyooux minks it is an interesting time to visit.
"Our suit is not against American cinema,"
he said, "but it would be a catastrophe — and I'm not afraid of using that word — for humanity, if there were only one cinema left in the world, the cinema of North America, financed

by Japanese funds. A catastrophe.
"So I say to my American friends, You got the lion's share of the market, but you can't have everything. Nobody buys a Toyota one day and a Peugoot the next, but you can see 'Aladdin' one

day and 'Les Visiteurs' the next. day and Les visitens the next.
"Cinema is a major expression of modern
culture; it is also a commercial product, but it's culture, it is a commodity. We're not in the business not just a commodity. of making ashtrays here."

Bearded and bespectacled, elegant hands clasped in a professorial manner, Seydoux looks and sounds specifically French, speaking from his red-carpeted presidential suite. He too is from a venerable family that has "always been attracted to creation and communication - there must be a family gene." His youngest brother, Michel, is an independent producer; his eldest brother, Jerome, the head of the giant Chargeans SA, runs Pathé and is a 50-50 partner in Claude Bern's companies.

Describing himself as a man of classical education - he went to law school in Pans and business school in New York - Seydoux points



Vincent Perez and Sophie Marceau

out that the house of Gaumont was founded by an entrepreneur who knew how to recognize creative talent. Léon Gaumont was an engineer who made photographic equipment, inventing the chronophotographe, a camera inspired by Louis Lumière's cinématographe, which both filmed and projected moving images. He developed the chronochrome for "natural" color and the chronophone for sound, and he had a secre-

"Alice Guy was from a wealthy family that had come upon hard times, Seydoux said. She told her boss that making movies was the best way to sell his equipment. She was 25 when she became an auteur, a producer and director

in Gaumont's "Fanfan."

lary, Alice Guy, who experimented with his inventions by making short films.

Guy made two films a week, liction and documentaries; she tried her hand at everything, from writing scripts to cinematography. She went to America, where she had her own

mas, as well as a satire called "In the Year 2000," depicting a world ruled by women.

Leon Gaumont went on from cameras and projectors to creating movie theaters all over France and offices throughout Europe. He signed a distribution agreement with MGM and set up a laboratory and studio in Queens.

Before World War I, Femiliade packed them in with the blood-curding "Les Vampires" and "Fantomas" serials. After the war, avant-garde auteurs like Jacques Feyder and Marcel L'Herbier introduced new schools of moviemaking.

The men and women who make films [eel at home here," says Seydoux, "and we've always had a big range of talent — from Emile Cohl, who inspired Disney, to Jean Vigo, whose L'A-talante' we restored; we've had major auteurs like Robert Bresson and Roberto Rossellini, as well as Truffant, with The Last Metro, and Godard with 'Je vous salue Maric' [Hail Mary]."

EYDOUX seems content to oversee his house of auteurs from a distance. If you ask him whether filmmakers interest him, he looks blank a minute, then talks about "the alchemy between an ocuvre and the public." "Nobody can predict success. I'm not a producer, I'm like the maternity ward where they come to deliver."

Today, the house has fallen on leaner times -American movies have taken their share and television its toll. The princety reign of Daniel Toscan du Plantier, when Gaumont had farflung subsidiaries, is of the past. Gaumont today is thrift-conscious, but makes exceptions for directors who may have strained nerves and budgets in their early days.

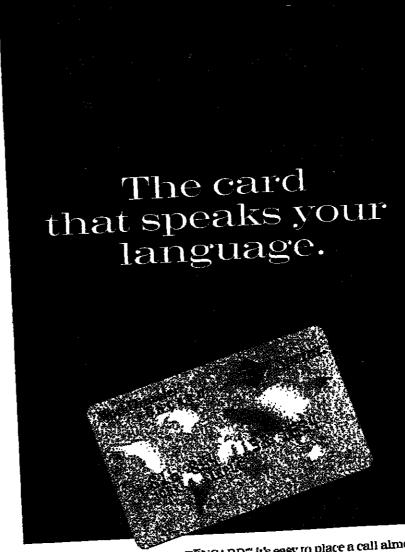
Luc Besson and Francis Veber, who were yanked away on Hollywood projects and re-makes, are making movies for Gaumont right now and are part of the retrospective, along with Bertrand Blier, Bertrand Tavernier, Claude Chabrol and Jean-Jacques Beineix

Seydoux calls the remake syndrome a comliment to French creativity, but he dreams of a French movie being a hit on its own in America, and he thinks he knows how to get it done y dubbing the company's biggest success, an-Maric Poirt's comedy, "Les Visiteurs."

"Under Mel Brooks's supervision," he said, we're going to translate the rich French into His favorite film of all time, he says, is Jean Renoir's "La Grande Illusion": "It's a psychological study of how a Frenchman sees war,

there are no battles, only the clash of old cultures. The American counterpart would probably be The Longest Day, an actionadventure film. We want the man of tomorrow to be able to see both."

Joan Dupons is a Paris-based writer specializ



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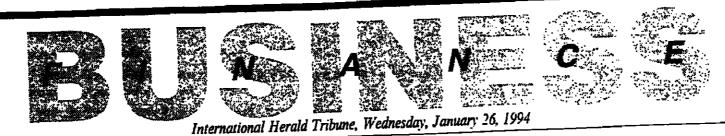
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## **Quarter** Profitable For IBM

#### **But Annual Loss** Swelled, Sales Fell

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ARMONK, New York - International Business Machines Corp. said Tuesday that it had returned to profit on a quarterly basis but that it had suffered a record annual loss of \$8.1 billion last year and its

sales were declining.

The world's biggest computer maker, which has been shedding tens of thousands of jobs and refocasing itself in an effort to cauch up with a mercurial high-tech market place, reported net profit of \$382 million for the fourth quarter of 1993. That was the first quarterly profit since the second quarter of 1992; it compared with a loss of \$45 million in last year's fourth quarter,

before restructuring charges.

IBM also said it might be able to break even in the current quarter, the first three months of 1994.

The fourth-quarter profit resulted chiefly from deep cuts in spending, including the elimination of 89,000 jobs during the past two years. An additional 30,000 are to go this year.

Revenue for the fourth quarter fell to \$19.40 billion from \$19.56

billion a year earlier. Revenue for the full year fell to \$62.72 billion from \$64.52 billion, IBM's fourth consecutive year of lower sales. This trend results from transition in an industry that is changing from high-priced mainframe computers to smaller, cheaper machines connected by networks.

Net income for the fourth quarter represented 62 cents a share, which was close to Wall Street analysts' expectations. Nevertheless, the stock fell sharply, by as much as \$3 a share, after the earnings ancement, only to regain almost all of its losses after its chief financial officer, Jerome B. York, made comments to analysts. The stock closed 25 cents lower, at \$58.375, on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company's 1993 loss, which reflected a \$8.04 billion secondquarter restructuring charge, exceeded its \$4.96 billion loss in 1992. IBM said the quarterly profit

## Taiwan Tackles TV Chaos Move to Impose Order Spurs Shakeout

By Kevin Murphy

TAIPEI - At once daunting and alluring, Taiwan is a vision of Asian television's future: affluent audiences, rivalries between international broadcasters and deep-pocketed locals, legal uncertainty and complicated

politics. How Taiwan transforms a market dominated by video pi-rates into a legal industry may foreshadow satellite and cable network development elsewhere in the region, where two-thirds of the world's potential television viewers live.

"It's difficult to know the full picture out there, it's chaos," said C. J. Chang, chief of the cable and satellite television section at Taiwan's government information office. "New groups are forming others want to go by themselves and foreigners want to get involved."

Until recently in Taipei and other urban Taiwan centers, anyone with a satellite dish, laserdisk player and a few kilometers of wire could call themselves a cable network operator.

At least 400 different groups did so, in defiance of most international copyright agreements and a government policy that favored three established commercial broadcasters. As many as 36

cable channels are available in some Taipei neighborhoods. Now, years of unauthorized cable stringing and bootleg use of foreign programs may be coming to an end. Taiwan granted tempo-

rary legal status to existing cable operators while it prepares to issue up 10 285 licenses next year. But because fewer licenses than existing operators will be granted

As many as 36 cable channels are available in some Taipei neighborhoods.

and with the government seeking significantly higher technical standards and a commitment of \$7.4 million in capital, a market consolidation is under way.

The smallest operators will have to close," said Frank Fan. general secretary of the Association of Broadcasting in Cable Development, which has 88 members working to form themselves into a national network. "Many still want to stay independent, but given the changes in market con-ditions, it will be impossible." In a bid to build strong net-

works of their own to tap a sub-

scription business estimated to be worth up to S1 billion a year, some of the Taiwan's largest industrial empires, including the Repar Group and the tycoon Jeffrey Koo. who controls the ChinaTrust Bank, have joined a fray with political overtones.

Because Taiwan's Kuomintang, or governing Nationalist Party, controls the three commercial broadcasting stations, rival political parties and their sympathizers are scrambling to build their own cable networks. Kuomintang supporters, naturally, are responding to the chal-

lenge.
The big question is whether the government will crack down on the guys who don't come in from the cold." said one analyst, alluding to reports that many operators fearing the changed envicomment had yet to register with the broadcast authorities.

To complicate the picture, foreign groups now lighting each other market-by-market in Asia to provide programs to the strongest local networks for a share of the profits are seeking distribution deals with the new cable

The Taiwanese networks in turn are trying use their affili-ations to press for better deals from program suppliers eager to

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## **Investors Cheer** Lonrho's New, **Bock-ish Style**

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune LONDON - The reformation of one of Britain's quirkiest companies, Lonhro PLC, became almost date. "This the new face of Lonhro," said Paul Beaufrere, an analyst with nouncement that four directors James Capel & Co. "They answered long associated with the company's founder. Roland W. (Tiny) Rowland, will seek retirement.

That move now firmly and finally puts Dieter Bock in charge at Lonrho. The 54-year-old German ousinessman is co-chief executive with Mr. Rowland, but he shares little of the actual power with the 76-year-old founder.

The balance of power has now Bock," one analyst said.

nounced pretax profit for the business year to Sept. 30 of £172 million (\$257 million), largely the result of asset sales, which netted £87 million. What pleased analysis and investors, however, was not the strength of the numbers, which had been anticipated, nor even the boardroom departures, but the manner in which the disclosures came.

For the first time in its 45-year history, the company did what others have done for many years, sending its top officers to meet with

field all questions. What is more, Lonhro provided the most complete statistical look at the company to date. "This the new face of Lonhro, our questions openly and pretty exhaustively.

Nor did analysts complain when the company's finance director slipped and referred to Lonhro's chief executive in the singular, leaving out Mr. Rowland, who did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Bock ranks as Lonhro's largest shareholder, owning 18.8 percent. He was invited to buy his definitely swung in favor of Dieter shares two years ago as part of efforts to shore up the company's On Tuesday, the company anpercent of the company, but Mr. Book has an option to buy this stake in two years.

On the negative side of the ledger Lonbro announced that it had written down the value of its Metropole hotel chain by £186 million. In a desperate bid to raise cash two years ago. Lonhro had sold a onethird interest in that unit to Colonei Moammar Gadhafi's Libya. With Lourho's debt now pared

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# Panama's Uphill Quest for Noriega Assets in Paris

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The government of Panama, frustrated at being unable to lay its hands on millions of dollars worth of Parisian real estate and bank accounts allegedly controlled by Manuel Antonio Noriega, is mounting a legal and diplomatic offensive in France.

But the campaign is largely a one-man battle led by Alfredo Berguido Garrido, Panama's recently appointed ambassador to France. Mr. Garrido, a politically connected Panamanian dentist and self-styled amateur at diplomacy, said he agreed to become ambassador last year for the sole purpose of trying to recover the Noriega funds.
The 64-year-old ambassador contended in

ew that as much as \$500 million

worth of drug trafficking proceeds had been spirited to France through front companies named a party in France's investigation of no breakthrough in the near future. and banking associates of Mr. Noriega. He is serving a 40-year jail sentence in the United

States for drug-related racketeering.

Mr. Garrido admitted, however, that with just one French lawyer, an embassy staff of four and insufficient funds to afford even a new fax machine, he is facing an uphill battle as he seeks to put pressure on the govern-ment of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur. At stake are three apartments in the Left

Bank district of Paris, plus French bank accounts held by Panamanian companies. by Tracfin, the money laundering watchdog that is part of France's Finance Ministry.

Since less this the Proposed Ministry. Since last July the Panamanian govern- Guillermo Endara, for authorization to Panama," Mr. Blum contended.

Two appeals have already been struck down by Paris courts on the grounds there is insufficient proof the Noriega money came from government coffers, and Panama is now planning to take its case to the Cour de Cassation, the country's highest appeals court.
"I have the impression that the French judicial system is doing nothing, said Raymond Form, the lawyer acting on Panama's behalf.

Mr. Garrido, the ambassador, said he had

made clear Panama's desire for action in conversations held last month with senior added that he would ask Panama's president. tion to cooperate with the government of

François Gouyette, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said he could not comment on any discussions Mr. Garrido might have had with government officials in Paris.

Jack Blum, a Washington lawyer who investigated missing Noriega funds for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had found that "a considerable amount of money" had been transferred to France by the former Panamanian dictator, including an estimated \$27 million that was sent by way of Bank of Credit & Commerce International, the failed, scandal-ridden bank.

"The government of France has an obliga-

#### MEDIA MARKETS

# The Electronic Format War

By Richard Covington

Special to the Herald Tribune

ANNES — Electronic publishing is only in its infancy, yet the business is already worth \$6 billion a year, and a good way has been out out on the mail civil war has broken out over who will control it. Amid feverish deal-making over visual compact disks, computer-based books and video games at the first market and conference for these products last week, the battle lines took as many

products last week, the partie mass book as many jerky twists and turns as Sonic the Hedgehog.

On one hand, there were the competing disk formats—with CD-ROM as the largest seller facing formats — with CD-ROM as the largest seller facing off against Philips CD-I and both fearful of the 3DO format launched last year by American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Time Warner Inc. and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. The market for these products alone is already \$6 billion, according to Digital Information Group, based in Stamford, Connecticut. That does not count the video-game business, which is now worth \$8 billion, according to Digital Information.

On the other hand, there were the disk apostates who predicted that multimedia will soon skip CD formats entirely and be transmitted directly into homes via satellite and telephone lines, to be de-

coded by the so-called set-top box.

"CD-ROM is valuable for data bases, like cen-"CD-ROM is valuable for data bases, like census reports, and also in applications such as children's education, but its value in reproducing magazines and art books and so forth is hard to prove, asserted James Clark, president of Silicon Graphics Inc., a maker of computer graphics systems based in Mountain View, California.

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"Physical copies of media, including newspapers and magazines, are not going to disappear," he said. "It's simply that these electronic networks will provide more efficient distribution."

The trouble with the CD-ROM format, Mr. Clark argued, is that it places too much influence in the hands of software companies. "You are relying on

Mr. Gates and Microsoft to provide a platform for CD-ROM," he warned, "and Mr. Gates has a broader agenda than that. With the telecommunicawith the telecommunications industry, the public has more control."

William H. Gates is charman and founder of Microsoft Corp., the Redmond, Washington-based company that is the leading maker of per-

based company that is the learning manual or particular software.

John Papanek, editor-in-chief of Time-Life Inc., underscored Mr. Clark's prediction of a "personal television" with software delivered via phone lines or satellite. "Information will be distributed direct-transfer on a demand hasis." Mr.

ly to the consumer on a demand basis," Mr. Papanek said, adding that Time Warner, parent of Time-Life, will soon be lamching audience tests of its interactive video system in Orlando, Florida; Omaha, Nebraska; and Cerritos, California. "We will know more about our strategy for

focusing on the European market when those tests are done," he said.

But Strauss Zelnick, founder of the video game company Crystal Dynamics and former president of 20th-Century Fox Film Corp., scoffed at the

of 20th-Century Fox Film Corp., scoffed at the notion of a single, all-purpose set-top box.

"The consumers seem suspicious of these multi-use gadgets, for good reason," he asserted. "They don't work as well. There is also little indication there will be one reception standard, and I predict that a lot of money will be lost as people fight it out to create standards."

Copyright is another area of controversy that was minch in the air at the Cannes conference. Rich in cinema, video, music and text, multimedia is a

was much in the air at the Cannes conterence. Rich in cinema, video, music and text, multimedia is a mother lode of potential copyright disputes. Somethousands of images filling a single CD-ROM, one multimedia artist's creative borrowing could easily become a Hollywood attorney's pirated film clip. "I tell my clients that unless you are absolutely

certain you are going to get permission, don't ask," advised Richard Heller, an entertainment lawyer See FORMATS, Page 11

**Eurocurency Deposits** 

## Aladdin Rubs Disney the Right Way

BURBANK, California - Boosted by results from the cartoon ver-sion of "Aladdin," Walt Disney Co. reported Tuesday record earnings of \$368.6 million in the quarter ending Dec. 31, compared with a loss of

\$96.4 million a year earlier.

Disney, which recently announced plans to build an amusement park in Virginia, said its earnings and sales figure did not reflect results of Euro Disney, which has been losing money. Last year, it an-nounced a charge of \$350 million for

the park near Paris. The company reported sales of \$2.72 billion, up 14 percent from the similar quarter last year. The quarter ending Dec. 31 is the first quarter of 1994 financial year. Operating particular and the same of the sa erating profit rose 26 percent, to \$624 million.

Films, videos and related prod-Films, videos and related prod-ucts posted strong gains. Sales of films and cartoons rose 18 percent, to \$1.4 billion, and operating profit in that division rose 45 percent, to \$340 million. The results reflect the success of "Aladdin." Disney's success or Aladom, Lastley's highest-earning animated feature. Sales of related products rose 22 percent, to \$531.9 million, while operating profit rose 17 percent, to \$146 million.

Revenue from amusement parks rose 3 percent, to \$768.9 million, but their operating profit rose only 1 percent, to \$138.1 million.

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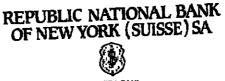
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#### **MARKET DIARY**

## Yen and Mark Take **Bite Out of Dollar**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar lost ground against the Japanese yen and the Deutsche mark on Tuesday. The yen rallied as Japanese stock prices recovered on news that the Japanese government and opposi-

#### Foreign Exchange

tion parties had agreed to try and reach a compromise on a political reform package

The dollar closed in New York at 110.935 yen, down from 111.650 yen on Monday.

"People bought yen today betting Hosokawa will pull his govern-ment together," said Jerry Egan, managing director of foreign exchange at MTB Bank, referring to the embattled prime minister.

The U.S. currency finished at 1.7484 Deutsche marks, down from 1.7511 DM Monday, amid specula-tion that the Bundesbank is concerned about the mark's weakness. The German currency has fallen

almost 10 percent against the dollar since mid-October, and traders said there were signs that the German central bank sold dollars on several occasions to stem the slide. Meanwhile, positive economic

reports failed to push the dollar higher. The U.S. Conference Board said Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence rose 3.4 points.

"The report is a little softer than market expectations, though overall a rise of 3.4 percent is still encouraging," said Brian Hilliard, an economist at Socièté Générale

The British pound stood at \$1.4955, little changed from \$1.4945 a day earlier.

French francs, from 5.9425, and to 1,4664 Swiss francs, from 1.4668. "I personally think most market

product report is due Friday. The Australian dollar surged to 70.90 U.S. cents from 70.30 after the Australian treasurer, Ralph Willis, said the government would release revised growth and inflation fore-

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restructuring and shifting direc-

tions were working.

Mr. York said the IBM Personal Computer Co. unit sold nearly \$3 billion of personal computers in the fourth quarter, up 33 percent from \$2.25 billion a year earlier. Sales of mainframes, the big machines that for years provided most of IBM's profit, kept falling, however.

pany might be able to break even, Mr. York said. In the first quarter of 1993, IBM reported a loss of

IBM said its global payroll fell to 256,000 people during the fourth quarter, 45,000 fewer than at the end of 1992 and nearly 40 percent below the 1986 peak of 406,000. The company said it was on track toward its goal of trimming the headcount to 225,000 by mid-1994.

Some analysts, though, were not sure IBM had done all it should. "IBM isn't in for minor surgery. It's in for a major turnaround," said David Wu, of S.G. Warburg & Co. He pointed out that sales and administration expense rose 1.1 percent even though the number of employees shrank.

Mr. Wu also was surprised by the 4 percent drop in IBM's sales in Asia, where economies other than Japan are thriving.

Marianne Wolk, of Prudential

clining sales. "The results highlight up from 6.29 percent Monday.

to 83.2 in January.

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players will want to keep their pow-der dry for the release of the GDP report on Friday," said Mr. Hilliard. The fourth-quarter gross domestic

casts next week that reflect recent better-than-expected economic data. (AFX. Bloomberg.

#### **IBM:** Profit Recovers but Not Sales

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■ Stocks Take a Tumble

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(Bloomberg, AP)

the problem of selling more systems in the face of declining showed its efforts at cutting costs, prices," she said. The company said its overall gross margin in the quarter was 38.2 percent, down from 39.3 per-

For the current quarter, the com-

3,895,34. Its decline was led by IBM, Bethlehem Steel Corp., Caterpillar Inc. and Boeing Co., which reported a 15 percent decline in fourth-quarter profit on Monday. Boeing fell 1½ to 43.

The Nasdaq Combined Composite Index fell 4.27 to 786.39, fueled by losses in large technology stocks

such as Cisco Systems Inc., Intel Corp., Apple Computer Inc. and Oracle Systems Corp. More than 10 stocks fell for every 7 that advanced on the New York Stock Exchange, Volume was a heavy 326 million shares.

Long-term interest rates, reflected in yields on U.S. Treasury bonds, rose after the National Association of Realtors said home resales last year were the strongest in 14 years. That sent the yield on the bench-Securities, was alarmed by the demark 30-year bond to 6.34 percent,

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**U.S. FUTURES** 

Local advertisers say they are eagerly awaiting the arrival of new marketing niches that better-orga-nized cable television should pro-International telecommunica tions companies see potential in the new networks as well. While foreign investment in cable operations vide in one of Asia's most affluent is restricted to a small share with joint-venture partners in individual nevertheless preparing to compete in Taiwan's now-closed telecomnications market.

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#### **Indicators Show Strength**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sales of previously owned homes shot up 6.7 percent in December to a monthly record, helping boost purchases or existing homes in 1993 to a 14-year high, a trade group said Tuesday. All regions of the country saw gains, both for December and for the year. The National Association of Realtons said sales totaled 3.80 million umits in 1993, a 7.9 percent jump from the 3.52 million sales a year earlier. In another economic report, the Labor Department said the lowest rise in six years in employee fringe-benefit costs, such as health care, helped hold the increase in compensation for workers to 3.5 percent last year.

A New York research group said consumer confidence rose in James year for the third straight month. The Conference Board said its index was up 3.4 points to 83.2, highest since a reading of 85.6 in September 1990. In contrast, the Census Bureau reported that the net worth of the average household fell from \$41,472 in 1988 to \$36,623 in 1991, or 12 percent.

#### **Profits Advance at Exxon and Mobil**

IRVING. Texas (Bloomberg) — Exxon Corp. said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter net profit rose to \$1.5 billion from \$1.4 billion. Sales climbed to \$27.8 billion from \$30.8 billion. Although crude-oil prices weakened, Exxon said it benefited from reduced costs for its fuel-making operations. Separately, Mobil Corp. said its profit from operations for the fourth quarter rose to \$602 million from \$582 million. For 1993, net income rose to \$2.08 billion from \$862 million in 1992, Mobil also cited the benefits of reduced energy prices for its downstream operations.

Chevron Corp. said profit from continuing operations fell to \$515 million in the fourth period from \$542 million because of low oil prices.

Time Chief Doubts Seagram Takeover
MIAMI BEACH (Reuters) — The chairman of Time Warner Inc.,
Gerald Levin, said Tuesday he did not believe that Seagram Co. intended
to attempt to acquire control of Time Warner, and added that Seagram executives would not be invited to join Time Warner's board. They have stated they bought the shares for investment purposes,"
Mr. Levin told reporters. "We certainly take them at their word."
Seagram has acquired about 11 percent of Time Warner stock.

#### Merck Gains, Warner-Lambert Slides

WHITEHOUSE STATION, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - Merck & Co. said Tuesday that fourth-quarter income rose. It percent from a year ago.

Merck, the world's largest drug company, said net profit increased to \$674.2 million, from \$609.1 million a year earlier. For the year, net profit rose to \$2.17 billion, from \$1.98 billion.

Elsewhere, Warner-Lambert Co. said fourth-quarter income fell 14 percent amid manufacturing problems in Puerto Rico, a stronger dollar ind stagnating drug prices.

## MCI Sets Big Joint Venture in Mexico WASHINGTON (Reuters) — MCI Communications Corp. and

Grupo Financiero Banamex-Accival, Mexico's largest financial group, said Tuesday they would form a joint venture to provide long-distance services in Mexico. MCI said that its cash investment would total \$450 million over several

years and he used to build a fiber-optic network in Mexico.

#### Warming Up for 'Coca-Cola Big TV'

ATLANTA (Bloomberg) — Coca-Cola Co. will not advertise during the Super Bowi, but instead launch a short-lived cable television network that it hopes will allow it to capture viewers in 40 million homes.

On Thursday, the world's biggest soft drink maker will launch "Coca-Cola Big TV," a \$1.2 million experiment that will produce reports for several hours over four days about the Super Bowl and the players. It will provided to households subscribing to SportSouth and Prime Sports.

#### Lorenzo Presses Effort on New Carrier

NEW YORK (AP) - Frank Lorenzo has reduced his stake in his fledgling arrine effort, tentatively named ATX Inc., to less than 25 percent in a move that could make it easier to gain federal approval for the low-cost carrier, the company said Tuesday.

Although 19 new investors are joining the arrine, Mr. Lorenzo is still

the largest single owner. The company said the new investors were injecting \$12.5 million into the airline.

#### Marietta Advances, Grumman Slips

BETHESDA, Maryland (Bloomberg) — Martin Marietta Corp. said joint-venture partners in individual. Tuesday that fourth-quarter profit from operations 4000 57 percent to broadcasters, some companies are \$118.7 million from \$75.7 million a year earlier, boosted by better results. in the space division. Meanwhile, Grumman Corp. reported a net loss of \$25.5 million in the fourth quarter because of restructuring costs.

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# **Marriott Raises** Its Cash Offer For Ciga Hotels

MILAN - Host Marrion Corp. said Tuesday that it had increased its offer for Ciga Hotels SpA of Italy, but Forte PLC of Britain said the counterbid just matches its original offer.

Ciga, a debt-burdened company that is controlled by the Aga Khain, said it would delay a shareholders' meeting planned for Feb. 2 until Feb. 15, to allow time for its creditor banks to chose between the Marriott and Forte bids. This is the

#### France Readies Economic Action

PARIS - France will unveil measures Sunday to boost the economy and can the country's record jobless rate, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said Tuesday.

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"We have debated a certain munber of measures, and the package will be announced on Sunday," he said after a meeting with ministers on the jobs crisis. He added that not all the details of the plan had been worked out. Tuesday's cabinet talks were the third and last in a series that began last week with discussions on economic growth and defi-

cits in the health insurance fund. Faced with a record memployment rate of 12 percent ahead of a presidential election due by May 1995, the conservative government is budgeting on income growing 1.4 percent in 1994. Ministers have said they may consider legal and tax re-forms aimed at the job market.

Continued from Page 9

to 31 percent of capital, down from

57 percent a year ago, analysts

agreed with company executives

when they stressed there was no

urgent need for further asset sales.

that he intends to refocus the com-

These are defined as mining, ho-

tels, agriculture and general trading.

pany on its four core strengths.

Still, Mr. Bock has made it clear

second time Ciga has delayed the

meeting for this reason. Neither bidder has made a formai offer or disclosed its terms. Il Sole/24 Ore, Italy's leading financial newspaper, said Marri-ott's bid is worth 740 billion lire (\$435 million). Stephen Bollen-bach, executive vice president of Host Marriott, would not confirm that figure, but said that unlike Forte's bid, Marriott's is all cash

Forte said Marriott's latest bid just matches its own, adding it would not get dragged into a bidding war. "Ours is a final offer." said Richard Power, Forte's chief

The British company is offering to inject £33 million (\$49.5 million) in cash and to contribute hotels with a value of £125 million, for a total of 1.58 million. Forte's partner in the bid, the Quantum Fund, run by the financier George Soros, would pay an undisclosed amount to settle Ciga debts to its creditor banks, Ciga's total debt is estimated at 1.01 trillion lire (\$590 million).

Ciga, under pressure from its creditor banks, gave the finance bouse Mediobanca SpA a mandate last spring to find a buyer for it.

If no buyer is found by the Feb. 15 shareholders' meeting, Ciga plans to ask for court protection

from its creditors. Ciga is suffering from debt taken on to expand in the 1980s, as well as from a decision to orient its hotels more toward wealthy vaca-

tioners than to business travelers. Ciga had a loss of 110.1 billion lire in the first half of 1993, after a 252 billion lira loss in 1992. It last

ing portion of its earnings flow from emerging markets. In addition to its vast interests in Africa, which range

Mr. Leclezio is one of the Row-

in his official review of the year, the two deputy chairmen, Robert now, it's sentiment not earnings further stoked interest in the compa- Dunlop and Paul Spicer, and Sir that drives prices, and on that basis

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## Belgrade Floats a Super Dinar Skepticism Greets New, Thinly Backed Currency

By John Kifner New York Times Service

BELGRADE - With an economy in ruins from international sanctions, inflation and mismanagement, the former Yugoslavia has issued a new currency, supposedly backed by Deutsche marks and gold. The hope is to lure people's hard currency savings into the goverament coffers.

Swithy dubbed the super dinar, the new currency is supposed to be fully convertible, with each new dinar equal to one Deutsche mark, the money that has become the real means of exchange in Serbia and Montenegro.

The government says the plan is backed by a reserve of 500 million Deutsche marks' (\$285 million) worth of hard currency or gold. With a population of 11 million, this does not go very far: about \$26 each.

The devaluation of the Yugoslav currency had been staggering. In the last week of December, the government issued a 500-billion-dinar note. At the time, it was worth about \$5; now it is worth one-thousandth of a U.S. cent.

On Jan. 1, the government discounted all currency by knocking off nine zeroes. By last week, it had already printed up to a 10million-dinar note.

But the new fiscal ploy depends on whether this point," said a Western diplomat specializing in economic affairs. announcement of the super dinar was greeted with rueful smiles and jokes, the early omens were not good,

The assurances of the plan's author, Dragoslav Auramovic, a former World Bank official, were of little comfort. "I guarantee that nobody will be worse off than he was before,"

Already the official state radio reported that a bus trip to Belgrade from a provincial town was being priced at 15 new dinars but only 5 DM.

"I don't believe in anything my friend," said Zoran Jovanovic, the owner of a formerwell-stocked private shop in a hillside neighborhood, pausing from his task of de-caning home-brewed plum brandy into fresh bortles. "This plan, it's a lie, a deception, a betrayal, a trick to steal some money from

Indeed, the program has been holly debated, and largely denounced by economists here. Some of the discussion centered on whether the currency might last two or perhaps even three months before it collapsed.

"The credibility of this program from pro-fessional economists is really, really shaky at families at home.

izing in economic affairs.

The new currency, in denominations of 1, 5 and 10 new dinars, is to be issued first to retirees. There is to be a new guaranteed minimum wage of 20 new dinars a month, although everything over that is to be subject to a 35 percent tax. For an interim period, the old currency will also be used, at the rate of 13 million old dinars to one new dinar.

The government says that the new dinars can be exchanged at banks for Deutsche marks, although transfers of more than 100 DM will require written notice and a waiting period. More importantly, marks can be con-

verted or deposited for the new dinars. "If there is hard currency around, it is under people's mattresses," a Western diplomat said. This is an attempt by the government to get that money from under the mattresses and into their hands."

No one knows the amount of such hidden savings, although they are believed to be substantial with some estimates running about 800 million DM.

A diplomat noted that as many as 500,000 Serbs and Montenegrins work abroad and that they could easily be expected to send back 100 DM a month each to support their

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• The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said world trade expanded by less than 3 percent last year, below the 4 percent figure for 1992 and far less than the 4.5 percent that GATT had projected for 1993.

 Fisons PLC plans to cut 1,000 of 6,400 jobs in its pharmaceutical division to reduce operating costs by £35 million (\$52,2 million) a year. • The Bank of Spain cut its key interest rate by a quarter point, to 8.75 percent, and the Belgian National Bank reduced its central rate for primary dealers to 7.0 percent from 7.10 percent.

• Baden-Württemberg state's consumer prices rose 0.8 percent in the month to mid-January and were up 3.6 percent from a year earlier. Deutsche Bank AG said a favorable tax change would allow it to raise its

1993 dividend to 16.50 Deutsche marks (\$9.40), from 15 DM in 1992. Reuters, AFX, AFP, Bloomberg



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## East and West Airlines Eye Each Other

WARSAW - As the market for travel between Eastern Europe and the United States heats up, airlines in these markets are eyeing one another with increasing interest and maybe a touch of suspicion.

Delta Air Lines and the Polish flag carrier LOT are discussing links. Delta is also negotiating with Maley, the Hungarian service, and has had conversations with Czech airlines CSA as well, executives said. American Airlines is also talking

replaced as directors.

from the Ashanti gold mine in Gha-na to amethyst mines in Zambia and dant, plus Lonhro's courtship of an

an automobile distributor in Kenya, emerging markets label was enough

Mr. Leclezio said the company has to send the company's shares to a now agreed to develop a gold field in 52-week high in heavy trading on

Tuesday.

The combination of a more open

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The shares rose 8 pence, closing

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ested in other East European carri- There is a good percentage of highers as well.
For U.S. airlines, the attractions

of East Europe are twofold. Linking velop a presence in growing markets without investing heavily.

The East European market is tiny now, but is expected to grow Europeans.

lyst said. He predicted a change in

attitude from British institutions

that have long shunned the shares

because of their doubts about its

management. Others pointed to

Lonhro as a likely beneficiary of

the market vogue for investing in

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For the East Europeans, links
with U.S. carriers mean access to their own air transport agreements all kinds of technology and infor-allow. They also allow them to de-mation, such as computer reservations and flight maintenance operations. It also helps them compete across the Atlantic with the West

But both sides remain cautious. with one within weeks.

## LONRHO: Investors Cheer Company's New Style Under Bock's Influence FORMATS: Electronic Civil War

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The European system of copyright varies enormously from that governing the United States, generally forbidding alteration of an artist's or author's work without prior permission. Many works of art that are in public domain in the United States and thus can be used for free

- a Puccini aria, or Vittorio De Sica's "The Bicycle Thief," for example - remain under copyright in this second wave will create a lan-Europe and entail royalty payments. guage, like a modern-day hiero-Michael Backes, a founder of glyphics."

Rocket Science Games in Palo Alto. California, and a scriptwriter who has worked with Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, exhorted multimedia producers to raise their

They are being especially careful to better their positions without get-

ting burned. That may mean forg-

ing marketing alliances or various

LOT has watched carefully.

It signed an initial agreement

seeking lessons for its own future

with Delta a year ago, but so far nothing has come of it. The carrier

is talking with American as well.

and hopes to sign a letter of intent

sorts instead of selling stakes.

artistic and budgetary sights.
Peter Gabriel, a rock musician renowned for his innovative video techniques, took a more sanguine view. "With a lot of this new technology, the first wave can dehumanize and the second wave can

## REPUBLIC NEW YORK CORPORATION SAFRA REPUBLIC HOLDINGS S.A.

#### Consolidated Statements of Condition and Summaries of Results

These statements and summaries represent the consolidated accounts of Republic New York Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries and of Safra Republic Holdings S.A. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Republic New York Corporation owns 48.8% of Safra Republic Holdings S.A., which is accounted for by the equity method.

	REPUBLIC I CORPOR		SAFRA REPUBLIC HOLDINGS S.A.	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	1993	1992	1993	1992
Assets	(ii	n thousands of US	except per share d	am)
Cash and due from banks	\$ 636,633	\$ 490,711	\$ 32,082	\$ 34.915
Interest bearing deposits with banks	5,346,647	10,562,885	3,660,269	3,759,581
Precious metals	1,110,434	412,105	145	619
Investment securities	14,949,793	12,331,471	6,182,495	5,194,337
Trading account securities	1,182,093	702,479	87,381	37,327
Federal funds sold and securities purchased			i	
under resale agreements Loans, net of unearned income	2,322,465	1,505,274	-	
Allowance for possible loan losses	9,508,558	8,007,457	1,128,746	1,101,451
· ·	(311,855)	(241,020)	(102,204)	<u>(52,376</u> )
Loans (net)	9,196,703	7,766,437	1,026,542	1,049,075
Other assets	4,748,704	3,375,026	310,435	276,005
Total assets	\$39,493,472	\$37,146,388	\$11,299,349	\$10,351,859
Liabilities				
Total deposits	\$22,801,250	\$21,102,187	\$ 7,344,562	\$ 6,897,172
Short term borrowings	4,275,439	5.738.822	1,760,951	1,542,287
Other liabilities	4,814,746	3,408,529	213.081	233,053
Long term debt	2,582,875	2,502,497	700,000	547,600
Subordinated long-term debt and perpetual capital notes	2,271,940	2,130,924	_	- 11,000
Shareholders' Equity				
Cumulative preferred stock	556,425	556,425		
Common stock and surplus, net of treasury shares	723,229	708.642	002 (12	-
Retained earnings	1.204.818	998.362	903,613	902,490
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale,	1,204,010	220,102	287,179	229,257
net of taxes	262,750	~	89,963	
Total shareholders' equity	2,747,222	2,263,429	1,280,755	1,131,747
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$39,493,472	\$37,146,388	\$11,299,349	\$10,351,859
Book value per share	\$ 41.57	\$ 32.71	\$ 72.24	\$ 63.92
Client portfolio assets in custody		7 72.11	\$ 5,656,795	\$ 3,057,002
Net income, for the year ended	\$ 301,205	\$ 258.883	\$ 121,595	
Net income per common share (primary)	\$ 301,205 \$ 5,20	\$ 4.42	\$ 6.87	\$ 92,466 \$ 5.22
Average common shares outstanding (primary)	52,466	52,204	17,703	17,709
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#### Risk-Based Capital Ratios

As of December 31, 1993, Republic New York Corporation's risk-based core capital ratio was 15.40% (estimated) and total qualifying capital ratio was 26.55% (estimated.) The ratios include the assets, risk-weighted in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Reserve Board specifically applied to Republic New York Corporation on a fully consolidated basis and capital of Safra Republic Holdings S.A. Total consolidated assets are approximately US\$ 50 billion and total consolidated capital, including minority interest and subordinated debt, exceeded US\$ 5.6 billion.

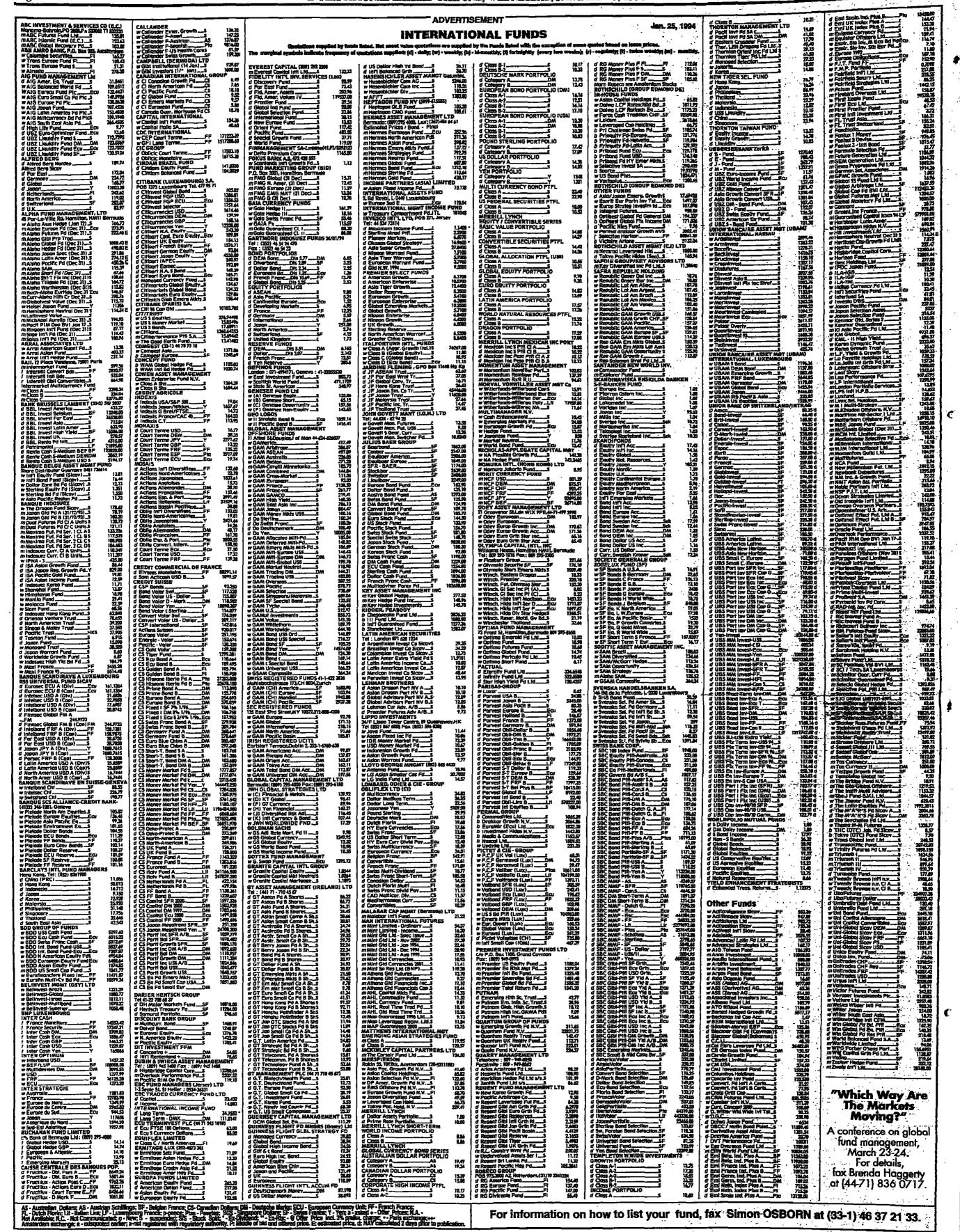
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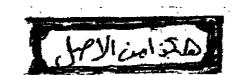
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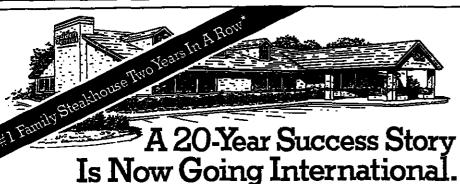
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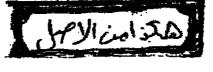
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cas on reviving the economy. The rise in stock prices sent investors scrambling for shares one day after the benchmark Nikkei 225 average fell nearly 5 percent on con-cern that Friday's defeat of a package of political reform bills in the upper house could bring down the

government and delay recovery. 295.12 points, or 1.61 percent, to 18,648.36, following a 954-point plunge on Monday. The broader Sumped 52.75 points, or 4.75 p Topix index of all shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's first sec-tion gained 20.32 points, or 1.36 percent, to 1,519.38.

Most of the gains came in the afternoon after the opposition Liberal Democratic Party agreed to participate in an ad-hoc committee with the governing parties to negotiate a compromise on reform.

"The announcement from the Liberal Democratic Party caused stock prices to rise and bond prices

Concern that the defeat of a political reform bill would cause po-litical instability and delay new

economic measures triggered Mon-

But many investors viewed that drop as too much for one day, said Toru Konishi, a senior analyst at Tokyo Research Institute.

Nicholas Waltner, a salesman with Salomon Brothers Asia, said, "The imitial shock is over and the market's had its reaction." (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Malaysia's key stock index slumped 52.75 points, or 4.75 per-

cent, on Tuesday as many investors were forced to sell shares bought on contra, which involves the buying and subsequent selling of stocks be-fore settlement, when they were unable to pay, Agence France-Presse reported from Kuala Lumpur.

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"The supply of office space just cannot keep up with all the new companies which are coming into Hong Kong in order to do business in China," said Karl Leung, an analyst with the securities house W. I. Carr (Far East). ry as a galeway to China.

The influx, he said, was driving massive increases in office rents and a frenchic round of

property sales. Developers are spending billions of Hong Kong dollars to acquire landmark hotels that will be torn down to make way for more lucrative office lowers. Others are buying into office buildings at prices above current market levels.

"There is no sign that we will not exceed Tokyo as the most expensive office market in the world by the end of the year," said Nicholas Brooke, director of Brooke Hillier Parker, a real estate brokerage. Some office buildings in Hong Kong are already outpacing average rents in Tokyo. The territory's priciest landlord, Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd., is pushing up its benchmark prices. Other landlords are presented to follow out?

lords are expected to follow suit. "These new rents are going to have a knock-on effect on the whole of the market," said Marc Townsend, a director of Vigers International, a real estate brokerage. "Hongkong Land has revised only a very small amount of the space they own, but people will no doubt lose sight of this and

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The rapid ascent of the Japanese yen against the dollar last year allowed U.S. carmakers to slash their retail prices for Japan.

Meanwhile, the outlook for Japan's car industry remains bleak as an economic recovery continues to prove eiusive. Japanese carmakers are restructuring to become less ex-port dependent by producing more

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total 463 million yen to residents near their factories who claimed they were the victims of pollution; NKK Corp. and Tokyo Electric Power Co.

 Cambodia's Post and Telecommunications Ministry became a moneymaker for the government last year, earning \$22.5 million.

Accor SA will manage Burma's first five-star international chain hotel, the 270-room Sofitel Yangon to be built by 2 That company in Rangoon. Australia's consumer price index rose by 0.2 percent in the December quarter, an annual rate of 1.9 percent; this was down from 0.5 percent in the September quarter, a 2.2 percent annual rate.

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Bangkok Bank Ltd., Thailand's largest bank, said its president, Vichit Suraphonechai, has resigned due to health problems.

• Jusco Stores (HK), the retail chain, said its public offering of 104 million Hong Kong dollars (\$13.5 million) was heavily oversubscribed; it received applications for 22 billion shares worth 35.2 billion dollars. AFP, Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder

## POSCO Posts Record Profit **And Forecasts More Gains**

Regers SEOUL - Pohang Iron & Steel Co., the world's second-largest steel producer, Tuesday posted its biggest profit on record. Even better results are forecast for this year. "Soaring demand from China in particular and domestic economic

recovery in the second half of last year contributed to bettering our performance," an executive said. POSCO reported net profit of a 294.6 billion won (\$363.7 million) in 1993, up 59.2 percent from 185.1 billion won a year earlier. Sales rose to 294.6 billion won last year from 185.1 billion won a year ago.

The executive said the company expected profit of 345 billion won on sales of 7.2 trillion won in 1994.

A new blast furnace began operating in October 1992, boosting POSCO's output to 21 million tons a year from 17.5 million.

POSCO's push for expansion co-incided with a global shump in the steel industry. Demand for steel increased, however, around the time POSCO's expansion came to an end. Analysis said strong demand for steel in the local car, shipbuilding and electronics industries belied POSCO achieve its jump in sales.

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# Bills May Be Under, but They're Not Dogs

By Leonard Shapiro

Washington Past Service ORCHARD PARK, New York --- A banner unfurled in the fourth quarter of the the 30-13 American Football Conference championship victory over the Kansas City Chiefs said it best: "We're Back. Deal With It

The Buffalo Bills, though they have plenty to be proud of during the last four seasons, have gone to Atlanta where they will play the defending National Football League champion Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in Super Bowl XXVIII with three straight losses in pro football's most important game. So there's no swagger in this team, but there is heart, and a mind-set that will be

revealed often this week. Clearly this is not the game most had hoped to see. Joe Montana against Steve Young and the San Francisco 49ers would have been too good to be true. Montana against the Dallas Cowboys would have been nice. But the Buffalo Bills against the Cowboys, a rematch of last year's 52-17

blowout? No thanks. The Bills are fully aware of this. It's been their theme all season: No one respects us but us, so let's get back to the Super Bowl and get everyone riled up again.
"That's the toughest-minded team that's ever played the game, in my opinion," said their coach, Marv Levy, who told the Bills after they knocked out Montana and beat the Chiefs how proud he was of their effort all season.

Wide receiver Don Beebe recounted Levy's postgame remarks: "Mary said, 'You practice like a champion, you play like a champion and you win like a champion, and that includes congratulating the Chiefs be-

cause they're a great team,"
"Basically." Beebe said, "he was saying. 'Be humble.'

"We could have folded up and died and said, 'We've gone to three Super Bowls; no one wants us to come back, let's put our tails between our legs and just quit. This team never did that. Our goal is to win a Super Bowl championship. We haven't achieved that yet. This win is a tribute to what this team is all about. Everybody said they didn't want us in, but I think it's a better story to see us go back and try to win this one."

it's a story that began four days after Super Bowl XXVII with the firing of the longtime general manager, Bill Polian, the man responsible for putting the core of this team together. The Bills lost six players to free agency, including all-pro guard Will Wolford and two talented linebackers, Shane Conlan and Carlton Bailey.

During the course of the '93 season, the Bills were inconsistent on offense, often had difficulty scoring and gave up a lot of yards on defense, ranking 27th out of 28 teams in the league. They even had a stretch of three losses in four games before finishing the regular season with four consecutive victories, then two more in the playoffs.

Are the Bills a better team than those of the past three seasons? Levy said he believed they were at least more mature in their approach. And the players say they've bonded tighter than any other year, if only because of their collective bunker mentality.

"One of our players told me if we won today, we would have won 59 games in the '90s," Levy said Sunday. "But we still haven't won the game we'd like to win. I don't want to diminish in any way the accomplishments of this team or the resiliency. the toughness of mind ... They've shown that over and over. We're not out to prove anything to anyone but ourselves."

knecked out Montana with a mild concussion and ran the ball almost at will against a defense that had held them to 45 yards rushing in their game two months ago. Running back Thurman Thomas was un-

They stuffed the Chiefs' running game,

stoppable, gaining 186 yards, the second-highest rushing total in an AFC title game to

Keith Lincoln's 206 for the San Diego Char-gers in 1963. And quarterback Jim Kelly was unflappable, constantly checking off at the line of scrimmage into the proper play.

Kelly insisted the Bills will have no particular pressure on them in Atlanta, if only because no one expects them to win. "It means a lot to us," Kelly said of the fourth AFC championship in a row. "We

might have fallen down in the last three, but

I don't care . . . We're not just going there to Nobody has done what we've done, nobody has accomplished what we've accom-plished," he added. "I'm proud to be a Buffalo Bill. I know 45 guys who'd say the

same thing. Levy said there would be no radical change in his approach to preparing for the Cowboys, other than the obvious difference of not having an extra week off between the conference title game and the Super Bowl.

"Last year, coming back on the bus" from the loss to Dallas, "I told someone it doesn't matter if you come down on Monday or Tuesday, if you have the early press mee or the late one, whether you practice at USC or UCLA," he recalled. "What matters is what happens once you show up at the stadium, how you play. So we're not going to do a lot different, just try to play better."

#### Venables, **FA Meeting** On Contract

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — Terry Venables is expected to be formally offered the England manager's job if he accepts the terms of the contract, now that the Football Association has finally completed its selection pro-

The long-awaited announcement that Venables is to be entrusted with turning round the nation's soccer fortunes is now almost certain to come by Thursday.

The FA's five-man selection committee met on Monday and the chief executive, Graham Kelly, said: "We have made our final deiberations and reached a decision. There are still one or two loose ends to be tied up, but there is no need for any more meetings.

"We will make an announcement in the next couple of days, and it will be either Terry Venables or a caretaker, which is an alterna-

The option of appointing a caretaker would seem to have been retained in case Venables turns down the terms of a contract.

There have been suggestions that the FA will offer Venables a twoand-a-half-year contract, taking him through to the end of the European champion land in 1996. ionships staged in Eng-

But there could be escape clauses which could be invoked in the event of damaging developments over his dealings while chief execu-tive of the Tottenham club.

• The Premier League club Leeds is to impose a lifetime ban on the fans who disrupted the silent tribute to Sir Matt Busby before Sunday's match against Blackburn. Announcing the ban from home and away matches, the team's chairman, Leslie Silver, said Tuesday that Leeds and its supporters chib would also make a donation to

a hospital in Manchester, the charity chosen by Busby's family.
The club said in a statement that it had considered banning all Leeds fans from away matches involving the club but it was decided this would be unfair to the large major-

ity of supporters who were not in-Leeds officials were studying

video and photographic evidence in hope of identifying the culprits. The fans chanted "There's only one Don Revie' throughout the tribute to Busby. Revie, the former Leeds and England manager, der

# Sir Matt's Legacy

ONDON -On Thursday, the family will lay to rest Sir Matt Busby, L football legend. The sport that gave him a very special life and global

recognition has already paid its respects. Busby died peacefully, aged 84, in Manchester last Thursday. By coincidence, soccer leaders from 47 nations were gathering there for the qualifying draw of the 1996 European Championship. They found the sky grey, the streets draped in red scarves of memorium for Busby. On the Saturday, they shared the depth of English feeling toward this Scot who had shown the way to play.

Inside Old Trafford, the stadium rebuilt by Busby's deeds out of wartime rubble, one seat in the director's box remained empty. A lone piper played. After that, silence, observed by the crowd of 44,750, by thousands outside the ground and by millions at other stadia.

Then came celebration, a game played the Busby way. His daughter, Sheena, had requested fond, not grieving, remembrance, and Alex Ferguson, the latest Scot to manage Manchester United, issued one instruction: Turn on the style for the man.

Style there was. Style and spontaneity in flickering waves of movement, especially from Ryan Giggs and Eric Cantona. Everton, an outclassed opponent, lived on luck and fortitude to restrict United to a solitary goal. But that brought victory, and United's play kept faith with the piper's tune: One for A Scottish Soldier.

Born and raised in a mining community, briefly blackening his own hands on the coal face, Busby had escaped the way of other youths, via gifted feet, into the world of pro soccer. Of all his achievements, the

greatest was to work from bottom to top of Britain's class divide with a humility by no means common to those born to nobility.

Matt Busby lived twice, and was twice knighted. He defied death after

being granted the last rites following the terrible Munich plane crash that nearly wiped out his United team in 1958. He rose from injuries that includ-

ed a punctured lung to rebuild, within a decade, a United team that became England's first European Cup winner. The Queen in England and the Pope in Rome knighted him.

The essence of Busby was that he knew how to treat triumph and disaster just the same. He possessed, above all else, an ability to draw out of other human beings the response that he cherished. That embraced humor, courage, style and resolve. He laced screnity with toughness: even ruthlessness. He built; and rebuilt; triumph out of tragedy, starting at the age of 6 when his father was shot dead by a World War I sniper.

The end of World War II became Bushy's managerial beginning. A player, then a soldier, in 1945 he picked up the pieces of a blitzed stadium and a modest Manchester United team. His finest side, The Bushy Babes, in

was newn out of entinyonic tatents, right died on the knimen runway in February 1958. To Busby it was like losing a family.

The regeneration raised Busby to legend. Not only had he the will, but also the sternness to break up and rebuild teams of his own making. Yet he remained a most approachable man, blessed with the knack of remembering the first name of those he brushed against. Sit in a room with him, and he would massage your ego until, instead of feeling you had been granted an audience, it felt as if it was his privilege to give it.

My turn came as the 25th anniversary of Munich approached. Sir Matt.

was hown out of embryonic talents. Eight died on the Munich runway in

retired as team manager but a United director, invited me into the small office he maintained at Old Trafford until his death.

S OME QUESTIONS, inevitably, painfully probed what Basby re-called as "that very sad time." Before Munich, he believed he could see 10 years ahead. After it, "I two choices, either lie down and hide or pick up the challenge. My wife, Jean, and the people of United made the decision for me." Asked where the resolve came from, he searched for an age. The blue

eyes paled. Slowly, he reflected: "Perhaps from the upbringing I had. My mother, the people there would never lie down."

Eventually, of course, they all do. Busby, through the ups and downs, was assisted by Jimmy Murphy, a diminutive Welshman. Their teams were tough enough to win, free enough to be expressive.

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those, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, George Best, Paddy Crerand, preceded the television age. At their backs, striding through a quieter fame, Bill Foulkes was a rock of defense and a survivor of Munich: "Matt taught me everything," said Foulkes, "Mostly, composure and humility."
Foulkes, like Busby a man of mining stock, witnessed toward the end of

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There came a player, he scarcely understood at all. Last week that player, Best, wept openly at Old Trafford. By his own account, his first reaction was to do something Busby would never have approved, to break

his Alcoholics Anonymous vow and get drunk.
"Matt loved me, and I loved him," Best explained. "I was always the first person he asked to see when I went back to Old Trafford, he told me I

gave him more pleasure than I ever gave him trouble."

Of course he did. Best was supremely gifted even among Busby players, but a wayward spirit. He thrilled Busby, at times he played trush on Busby, but ultimately neither paternalistic persuasion nor fines and suspensions could hold Best.

That is history. So, sadly, is the outrage by which followers of one club, Leeds United, marred the respect for Busby. Leeds, deeply ashamed, are sifting through video evidence with which to ban for life the youths who with misplaced tribal instinct chanted the name of their late hero. Don

Revie, during the silence.

Busby would not want them banished forever. His life was about reaching people through soccer. He was at heart a tribal man himself:

Last May, when Manchester United won the English league for the first time in 26 years, he wore the smile of a boy.

Through tragedy and triumph, his legacy lives. Rob Hughes it on the stoff of The Times.

## Aikman on Mend, **Cheering Cowboys**

By Richard Justice Washington Post Service

ATLANTA - The Dallas Cowboys' quarterback, Troy Aikman, arrived at Super Bowl XXVIII on schedule, having been released from Baylor Medical Center in Dallas when doctors, after a battery of tests, determined that a mild concussion suffered in the National Football Conference championship game was no cause for con-

"I won't be limited in any way this week," Aikman said. "The doctors don't want me to have any contact this week, but that's not unusual. I'm just tired right now. I think maybe I slept an hour last night. Outside of fatigue, there's no problem. I'm able to concentrate. I'll be ready to go."

Doctors advised Aikman to avoid contact when practice for Sunday's game against the Buffalo Bills begins on Wednesday, but that's not a problem because the Cowboys don't allow their \$50 million quarterback to get hit much

Aikman said he could remember only two moments of the 38-17 victory over the San Francisco 49ers: pregame introductions and a long incompletion to Alvin Harper.

"My neck is stiff right now, but everything else is fine," Aikman said. "I started getting some coher-ence back at around 4 A.M. I saw about consistency and the persissome of the highlight reels on the ports shows last night, haven't seen the game."

Aikman's concussion seemed one of the few concerns for the Cowboys, who are on in the middle of one of the great runs in National Football League history. They're 42-13 the past three seasons, and in the first Super Bowl rematch ever. they're 10-point favorites over the

assistants to Atlanta on a 7 A.M.

flight Monday, and they locked themselves in their hotel to begin formulating a game plan for the Bills. Players will meet briefly on Tuesday, but most of the day will be devoted to coaches putting the remainder of the game plan in place. The players will get the first part of that plan on Wednesday. when full-blown practices begin.

The Cowboys aren't shy about their own abilities, but they are positively polite, especially in disussing the Bills, who lost to the Cowboys, 52-17, a year ago and are in danger of losing a fourth straight

"What makes you think they can't be competitive?" running back Emmitt Smith said. "This is a new year. This is not 1993. They made a bunch of mistakes last year, You turn it over nine times and you aren't going to win. I think they learned something. The people who say Buffalo can't win are the same ones who said I was too small, too slow and not strong enough."

Even Johnson, who predicted the victory over San Francisco and in his autobiography written last summer said he knew victory over Buffalo was in the bag, was complimentary.

"Buffalo has a great football team, and people tend to lose sight of that," he said. "What they've tence of their players. Their accomwon the Super Bowl."

But Johnson couldn't resist one small shot at the Bills' quarterback. Jim Kelly.

"Anytime a quarterback goes out with something hanging over his head, it takes away from his perfor-mance," he said. "Jim Kelly would be much more the consummate Coach Jimmy Johnson sent his professional if he'd won a Super ssistants to Atlanta on a 7 A.M. Bowl."



Troy Aikman being pressed in Atlanta: He watched some highlights "but I haven't seen the game."

# Huizenga Buys Dolphins, 3d Pro Team

By Richard Sandomir New York Times Service

continuing strong market for sports franchises, H. Wayne Huizenga, the chairman of Blockbuster Entertainment, has agreed to buy his third professional team, the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League, from the family of the late Joe Robbie.

Huizenga already owns two south Florida expansion teams: baseball's year-old Florida Marlins, which he acquired for a \$95 million fee, and the National Hockey League's half-season-old Florida Panthers, for \$50 million. Although the purchase price of the Dolphins was not disclosed, a person familiar with the

deal said that Huizenga, who already held a 15 Dolphins to pay \$47 million in estate taxes, had at about \$165 million, more than the reported \$160 million paid by Robert Kraft last week for the New England Patriots and the highest price for an NFL team. The most ever paid for a sports franchise was \$173 million for the Balti-

more Orioles last year.

Completion of the Dolphins deal is not assured. The NFL, unlike major league baseball, the National Basketball Association and the NHL, prohibits ownership of teams in other leagues. Huizenga is hoping the league will waive the cross-ownership ban.

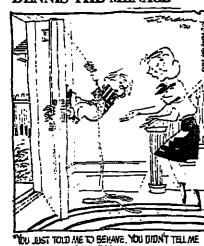
The Robbie family, which needed to sell the

percent interest in the team, would pay about \$140 million to acquire the remaining 85 percent. That would put the value of the franchise Joe Browne, a spokesman for the NFL said

the league's financial committee would study the acquisition and present it to the owners. The next possible meeting at which the league can review the acquisition is March 20.

 Joe Bugel, who received an ultimatum be-fore the season to produce a winning team, was fired as coach of the Phoenix Cardinals after a 7-9 finish. The Atlanta Falcons hired June Jones to succeed the fired Jerry Glanville as their coach. Jones, 40, was the team's assistant head coach for offense, and once spent four seasons as the club's backup quarterback. (AP)

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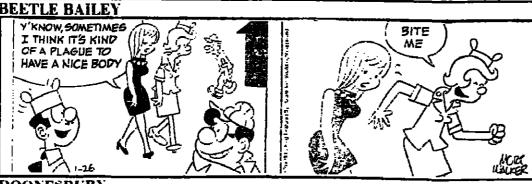




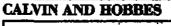






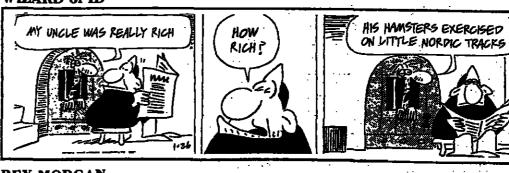








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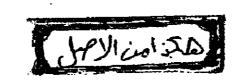


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## Witt: A Noble Effort **Made for Enjoyment**

onal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Katarina Witt will be starting to train soon for the Olympi I next month in Lillehammer, where she has no plans to win her third

figure skating gold medal. Misunderstood were Witt's reasons for coming back after turning professional following her 1988 Olympic championship. Experience is supposed to grace athletes with understanding, but at 28 she had yet to produce a coherent argument for returning to a sport that has athletically

If anyone was blessed with crossover appeal it was Witt, but her growth outside of competition appeared stanted. She did not catch on as an analyst with CBS during the American network's coverage of the 1992. Winter Olympics. Her predecessors had made stable transitions to the professional ice shows, but wasn't Witt supposed to do more than that?

Her appeal once transcended salchows and double axels. Whether she came back to revive professional ambitions, or to seek the stability of a homecoming, or for the



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most altruistic of reasons - this will

become obvious over the next month and the months to come, in the meantime, she has consented to some voluptuous posing for Stern magazine in Germany, which is excerpting a tell-all antobiography whose publication will coincide, naturally, with the Olympics. So were could occur the individual tell-all antobiography whose publication will coincide, naturally, with the Olympics. So you could argue she is doing it ultimately for the money.

Even so, there was something noble in her effort at the European Championships in Copenhagen last weekend.

For even if her original motives were cynical, she still had to skate alone for even if her original motives were cynical, she still had to skate alone to the center of a rink etched by teenage girls spinning like tops. With had to both swallow her pride and express it. Every breath secured painful for her, and the ancience of 2.500 sensed this and did not feed on it. If she didn't fully compacted it has a constant that her compacted has didn't fully comprehend it before, she knows now that her comeback has

didn't fully comprehend it before, she knows now that her comeback has little to do with the judges and everything to do with appealing to the public. But certainly she predicted this: It was her only hope.

"It's a whole new generation today," Witt said. "I grew up with compulsory figures. I spent hours and hours making those simple compulsory figures. In 1985 I won the world technical figures. This is different. They're younger, they're jumping more — which I respect. I have the utmost respect for Oksana Baiul and Surya Bonaly. But it's not my skating. I really look up to these skaters, but I think, "Wow, what's next? Where are they going to progress?"

Where are they going to progress?"?

After botching a double axel in her technical program Friday, Witt realized more than ever the need to skate on her own terms, and not on realized more than ever the need to skate on her own terms, and not on those established by the 16-year-old world champion Bainl, or by Bonaly, the four-time European champion who talks of completing a quadruple jump someday. Moments of doubt were offset by the messages and gifts Witt received from fans, including a fax from Brian Boitano, himself a 1988 Olympic champion and former professional. Older than Witt, he will be contending nonetheless for a medal at Lillehammer.

THINK this is incredible," Witt said of Boitano's goals. "I think people will look up to us. They will see that you should just go for the things you want to achieve. They say 40 is too old, 50 is to old — it's all

nonscase. Just go for it."

Skating to, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," she found the right vehicle for her own crisis. You can say she has returned to bolster herself commercially, but to watch her Saturday was to see the perfect marriage of music and dance. No one knows better than she who she used to be. It is a question of whether you prefer Billie Holliday in her early years or near the end. It seems nothing for Bonaly to soar into a triple jump, but it near use can. It seems norming for nonany to sour into a unperjump, but it required everything for Witt to land one. In eighth place overall, she finished second among the three German women in Copenhagen, which qualified her for the Olympics.

She talks of her program dedicating a message of peace to Sarajevo, site of her 1984 gold medal, and she imagines bringing experience to an event smitten with new athleticism. Unlike those who come to win, unlike her

former self, she will attend the Olympics opening ceremony, defi-nitely. If she didn't immediately estand her reasons for coming back, she seems to now. "I was living in the East," she says of her glory days as an East German. "I couldn't go to an event by myself. It was always who is going with you, where are you go-

ing, why are you going, you have to go with somebody else. "Here I have friends, family. Now I am competing and I still have a life. I can enjoy the Olym-

And if the cameras catch her enjoyment, there is no harm in that, either.



## Indonesia Halts Magic's Tour

JAKARTA — Magic Johnson's tour of Indo-nesia was canceled Tuesday after immigration officials said they would block his entry because he has the virus that causes AIDS.

The retired National Basketball Association

player and an all-star team were scheduled to play exhibition games Feb. 26 and Feb. 27 to promote AIDS prevention. But the director-general of Indonesia's immi-

ration department, Roni Sikap Sinuraya, said Friday that Johnson's entry into the country would be blocked because he carries the HIV virus. There had been argument, however, whether AIDS should fall under a policy that denies entry to people with contagious diseases. Johnson's tour was called off to end the controversy, said Marcel Maulana, director of Point Promotion, which planned the tour with the Indonesian AIDS Foundation. Maulana said promoters hoped to bring the all-star team to indonesia without Johnson.

Lindsay Davemort, 17, gave Steffi Graf a battle before being subdued, 6-3, 6-2.

# Left-Right Mix Helps Date Oust No. 3 Martinez

MELBOURNE — Ambidex-trous Kimiko Date of Japan, urged on by her cheering, flag-waving compatriots, delivered a left-right combination Tuesday to oust No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez from the quarterfinals of the Australian

Open women's singles.

Date, switching her racket from hand to hand, beat the Spaniard, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, to become only the second Japanese woman to make a singles semifinal at a Grand Slam

Kazuko Sawamatsu gained the semilinals here in 1973, before losing to Evonne Goolagong. Sawamatsu helped coach Date when the

new star was a junior. Date, who is naturally left-handed, began playing tennis as a right-hander but hit a handful of shots with her left hand during the match

most of them successful. 'I don't really practice with my left hand, but it does sometimes

happen during a match that it feels more natural," she said. Date now plays three-time champion Steffi Graf, the top seed, who was given a tough fight by the American Lindsay Davenport, 17.

before winning, 6-3, 6-2. The other semifinal will be between No. 2 seed Arantx2 Sanchez Vicario and No. 4 Gabriela Sabati-

The hard-hitting Davenport, playing in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, led by 3-1 in the first set and made things uncomfortable for Graf without ever threatening

Graf, who has not dropped a set, is bidding for her fourth straight Grand Slam title. Her booming forehands gave her the edge over the slower-moving 16th seed.

My matches against Date are

usually very close and very tough," Sánchez Vicario advanced with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 victory over No. 8 Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière, while Sabatini defeated No. 5 Jana No-

votna, 6-3, 6-4.

Maleeva-Fragmière was playing her final major tournament before

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jun will make history next

week when he becomes the

first golfer from the People's

Republic of China to play in a

The 24-year-old amateur

has received a special spon-

sor's exemption to play in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Phuket, Thailand, from Feb. 3

He was one of a group of

children picked by profession-

al Peter Tang 10 years ago to

start learning the sport at the Chung Shan Hot Spring Golf

Club in Guandong Province.

The tour also announced Tuesday that it would play its

first tournament in the Czech

Republic, the Chemapol Tro-

phy Czech-Open at the Mari-anske Lazne club from Oct. 13

European Tour event

retiring next month. Sanchez Vi-cario reached the semis in Mel-bourne for the fourth straight year. "I'm looking forward to taking another step this year," she said. "I'm playing better than I did last

year and I'm more confident." Sabatini, who felt ill in the morning but recovered enough to play, was more aggressive than usual against Novoina, who allowed herself to be hustled into mistakes. Sabatini said she felt dizzy and

nauscous, but recovered after being given an anti-nausea injection. "I didn't know how I was going to feel in a third set, so it was important to win it in two," she

Date, 23, the No. 10 seed stretched her winning streak to 10 matches. Earlier this month, she won the New South Wales Open in Sydney, moving into the top 10 in the rankings for the first time. Her previous best result in a

Grand Slam was making the quar-terfinals of last year's U.S. Open. She used deep groundstrokes and a more positive attitude to repeat her victory over Martinez, the Italian Open champion.

The Japanese fans, many of them with faces painted to resemble the Japanese flag, repeatedly called out to Date to show courage.

It was very hot today and I

really needed some encouragement," she said. "I think the fans were excited because I was showing them that Japanese players can achieve success Date could have won in straight

sets. She had three break points at 4-4 in the second set but squandered them all.

Martinez held serve and promptly broke to win the set, but Date raced to a 4-0 lead in the decider and held on after Martinez clawed back to 3-4, sealing the victory with a drop shot followed by a foreband winner at the net.

Date hammered away at Martinez's backhand and the Spaniard - who said she was troubled by a congested ear - made 39 errors on that side in the one-hour, 56-minute match.

Graf said the center-court heat during the day had made her uncomfortable.

"It was actually very hot out there," she said, adding that she was benefiting from a week's prac-tice in Melbourne before the tournament started.

The men play their quarterfinals Wednesday, with No. 1 Pete Sam-pras vs. No. 10 Magnus Gustafs son, No. 3 Jim Courier vs. No. 5 Goran Ivanisevic, No. 4 Stefan Ed-berg vs. No. 6 Thomas Muster and No. 9 Todd Martin vs. unseeded MaliVai Washington.

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(16), U.S., 6-3, 6-2; Aranhas Sonchez-Vicario
(2), Spalin, def. Monuela Majkevo-Franniera
(8), Switzerfand, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; Kimiko Date
(10), Japan, def. Conchita Martinez (3), Spalin,
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MEN'S DOUBLES

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Jacoz Elingh, Netherlands, and Poul Haarhuls (3), Netherlands, def. Sebastion Lareau,
Canada, and Donlei Nestor, Canada, 6-4, 7-5, 36, 4-6, 7-5.

# Gillooly's Lawyer Denies Plea-Bargaining

yer for figure skater Tonya Harding's former husband said Tues day his client was not negotiating with prosecutors after a Detroit newspaper said he was ready to implicate her in the assault on rival skater Nancy kerngan.

The Detroit Free Press, quoting sources, reported that Jeff Gillooly was ready to testify against the U.S. champion in exchange for leniency for his role in the attack. A spokeswoman for Gillooly's

report, and had no comment on it. sis of unproven charges."

a video camera at practice and is accused of driving the getaway taped photographers who were car.

Four men have been charged Earlier, Harding skated out with Stant's uncle, Derrick Smith, who

## Prink said the grand jury sitting in the case was unlikely to hear with conspiracy in the attack on more evidence before Wednesday. Kerrigan: Gillooly: Harding's bodygnard, Shawn Eckardt; the alleged assailant, Shane Stant, and

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"How do you like it?" she asked.
Her attorney issued a statement
saying he believed it would be unsaying h TOTOWA, New Jersey (AP) — Lennox Lewis will defend his WBC heavyweight title in May against Phil Jackson, the American ranked No.

It said the British champion's fight probably will be held in Atlantic

City or Reno, on May 6 or May 14, depending on the site.

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Evander Holyfield, the WBA and IBF champion, has given his approval to an April 22 title bout against Michael Moorer in Las Vegas.

The Aslanta learned Constitution removed Translate Moorer of Britain The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported Tuesday, Moorer, of Britain, is rated the No. 1 contender by the IBF and WBA.

## Kurri Ties Richard on NHL Goal List

PHOENIX (AP) — Jari Kurri scored with three seconds left in regulation to get his 544th NHL goal and tie Maurice Richard for 10th place on the all-time list, as the Los Angeles Kings tied the Calgary Wayne Gretzky, who assisted on the goal to raise his league leading assist total to 62, got his 23d goal earlier on the power play to increase his

league scoring lead.

• Mario Lemieux practiced with the Pittsburgh Penguins and said he hopes to return to the lineup by "early February."

#### For the Record

J.J. Lehro, the Finnish Grand Prix driver who damaged vertebrae in a J.J. Lehto, the Finnish Grand Prix driver who damaged vertebrae in a crash during testing last Friday at Silverstone, was in excellent condition after surgery and should resume driving in two months, the Benetton Formula One team reported. (AP)

Peyton Manning, among the top
U.S. high school quarterbacks, will attend the University of Termessee.

attend the University of Tennessee this fall, his father, Archie, said. (AP) Gilles Malet, the former French junior fencing champion, was killed in a freak training accident

Monday when his opponent's epee broke and penetrated his protective jacket, club officials in Rodez, France, said Tuesday. (Reuters)

#### Quotable

• Gary Fencik, a former defensive back for the Chicago Bears, on former defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan: "Buddy was like my favorite uncle. The one I wanted to tell, 'Shut up.' "

#### Cubs and Sosa Agree on \$2.95 Million Pact The Associated Press stolen bases. NEW YORK — Sammy Sosa, the Chicago Cubs' outfielder, has received a nearly four-fold salary

increase by agreeing to a \$2.95 million, one-year contract. Sosa, who made \$745,000 last season, had sought \$3.2 million in arbitration, and the Cubs had of-

fered \$2.7 million. Last year he became the first Cub to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in the same year. He hit 261 He missed most of May because of

Relievers Rob Dibble and Derek still in arbitration.

Dibble and the Cincinnati Reds agreed at \$2.45 million, a cut of \$50,000. Dibble, who can earn an additional \$100,000 in perfor-

with 33 homers, 93 RBIs and 36 a broken bone in his non-pitching arm, then missed the last seven games of the season because of muscle weakness in his shoulder. Lilliquist and the Cleveland In-Lilliquist also agreed to one-year deals Monday, leaving 71 players dians agreed at \$1.35 million, nearly twice the \$750,000 he made last season. Lilliquist, who will be 28 next month, was 4-4 last year with 10 saves and a 2.25 ERA. He appeared in 56 games, with two starts. mance bomuses, had 19 saves in 1993 but was 1-4 with a 6.48 ERA 1993 but was 1-4 with a 6.48 ERA Lilliquist's 10 saves were the most

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## The Pro-Crime Party

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Every politi-cian in the United States obviously intends to run against crime as soon as possible. It is a noble strategy with a fatal flaw; to wit, it leaves a dearth of pro-crime candidates for crime-hating statesmen to

run against. And so, seizing the chance to mix business and patriotism, I now an- the advancement of crime if elected. nounce formation of a new company called the Pro-Crime Party Inc. For crime-hating politicians the Pro-Crime Party Inc. will provide candidates ready to stump in favor of such acts as armed robbery, auto theft, burglary, running a disorderly house and swindling the greedy with the old dropped-pocketbook scam.

Every one of our pro-crime candidates comes equipped with a stan-dard speech for delivery at a public rally, if television news shows fail to use sound bites from the speech, our pro-crime candidate will deliver it in a paid political telecast, or in 10-, 20or 30-second commercials, provided his opponent will pay for the televi-

Sample line from speech: "God forbid that this great country ever see the day when the voters choose to be governed by a man who would imprison his fellow citizens for committing those historic American felonies known to our

Here the anti-crime politician using our services can insert in our pro-crime speech two crimes of his own choosing. There may be an additional charge for the basic speech if customers want our candidates to endorse the more distasteful crimes.

If, for instance, customers who want our pro-crime candidate to wage a gloves-off, no-holds-barred campaign in layor of murder and arson will naturally be charged considerably more than those who are content with a campaign on behalf of more driving with suspended licenses and decriminalizing the act of impersonating a policemen.

The basic fee entitles anti-crime politicians to choose one of the following three bumper stickers for our candidates' cars: (1) "Criminals Don't Bother People, People Do"; (2) "Support Your Local Drug Pusher": (3) "John Gotti Said It, I Believe It. And That Settles It.

Please note that our candidates are honest working people. They are not criminals, nor even politicians, and will not engage in criminal acts to assure victory for anticrime politicians.

For a supplemental charge, however, they will participate in staged "Moments of Illegality," illustrating what they hope to accomplish for

In a typical "Moment," our candidate, visiting Washington, is accosted on the Capitol steps by a lobbyist wearing tasseled loafers and offering an illegal campaign contribution. Turning to the camcra, he says:

"Can you believe, my fellow Americans, that under our present criminal-hating law I am forbidden to let decent citizens like this lobbyist give me so much money that even after buying the election I'd have enough left over to buy a 30room house plus a little island in the Aegean for a summer place?"

We supply two free videotapes of the "Moment," suitable for show-ing at lodge luncheons and League Women Voters meetings.

Now what about debating? What is a campaign without a debate these days? Since our pro-crime candidates are honest working people rather than politicians, most are neither capable of nor interested in political argument.

For this reason we train each one to memorize an argument in praise of criminal drug activity. Its burden: Drug crime provides a living income for many thousands of poor, uneducated and unemployable young men. Moreover, since it flourishes in poor neighborhoods, its victims are mostly the poor.

If the crime did not exist, all those unemployable young men desperate for money would mevitably be forced to turn to other crimes, which might bring them down on unpoor neighborhoods where the victims would be the unpoor. In short, the illegal drug business is a blessing to the unpoor.

We have designed this argument to cue the authentic anti-crime candidate to his explanation why practically everybody should be in pris-

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## The Hardest Role: An Actor Plays Monster

By Eleanor Randolph

Washington Post Service

N EW YORK — After seeing Ralph
Fiennes as the demented Nazi in
"Schindler's List," meeting the real Figures, who is quietly having breakfast in a Manhattan hotel, comes as something of a shock. How could this slim, fragile-looking man have created one of the most evil characters on film, the sadistic concentration camp commandant Amon Goeth in Steven Spielberg's epic about the Holo-

Hovering over a plate of bacon and eggs on this cold winter morning is a lean and hungry-looking figure, 25 pounds lighter than last winter, when Fiennes took diet supplements to produce Goeth's decadent paunch. And Goeth's hairdo, chopped short at the bottom and slicked back on top, has disappeared, replaced by a shag of reddish brown hair.

But what startles most is his manner: Figures (which is pronounced "fines") sits hunched in a protective curl that makes a stylish jacket and dapper vest look overly large, like hand-me-downs. The searing demonic eyes of Amon Goeth that so stun the viewer in "Schindler's List" are mostly cast downward, and as he begins to speak, Fiennes hesitates, filling each sentence with almost self-deprecating caveats like "sort of" or "in a way" or "if you will."

So where did this 31-year-old British actor find the power to summon Hauptsturmführer Amon Leopold Goeth. a character who is all the more demonic because in some moments he is alarmingly human? "You have to be wary of labeling evil in a blanket way, as just evil." Fiennes begins. "I think that playing a part like that, you can't judge it: I can't look at the effect or the final result. I think one's job is rather to look at the cause, rather than the symptom, if you like. So I really put away. pushed aside, the sense of This man is evil. This man is a sadist.'

"I just started off with the premise that this is a man who was once a child in diapers and, somewhere along the line, events and 'some victous mole of nature' in him took over his life and produced these actions which are horrific," Fiennes says, quoting Hamlet, which may offer another clue to his approach. "I just sort of elbowed away this prejudice about Amon Goeth. I found him vulnerable, not that he would know about it, but I sensed that there would be some sort of fracture or twist or canker in his psychological makeup or soul or whatever you want to call it that needed to find some palliative. There's a void inside him that needed to be filled with some sort of violence. The closest he gets to knowing who he is is by brutality. Although I don't for a minute think that Amon Goeth is conscious of that himself."



Ralph Fiennes: "You have to be wary of labeling evil in a blanket way, as just evil."

Spielberg's invitation to join the cast of "Schindler's List" came after Fiennes had already enjoyed great success on the Brit-ish stage — and suffered a few highly publicized pratfalls in film and television efforts. After he played Henry VI, Troilus, and Edmund in "King Lear" for the Royal Shakespeare Company, some critics predicted he'd be the next Olivier or a new Daniel Day-Lewis. But he also endured sniping from the British media for his portrayals of a young Lawrence of Arabia in "A Dangerous Man" and a brooding

Heathcliff in an ill-fated Paramount pro-duction of "Wuthering Heights." Both roles may have left their scars, with a British critic writing that Fiennes portrayed Heathcliff's agonies "as though he had permanent indigestion." But Spiel-berg has suggested that it was after he saw Fiennes as Heathcliff and Lawrence that he thought the actor had the power and creativity for "Schindler's List."

Fiennes's portrayal of Goeth has won him the best supporting actor award from the National Society of Film Critics and the New York Film Critics Circle, and he is almost certain to be nominated for an

One of the best descriptions of Fiennes's performance came from the Detroit News critic Susan Stark. "With dead eyes and a nasal, droning voice Fiennes makes the handsome, sadistic, terrifying, mercurial Goeth a mesmerizing figure. He handpicks a tremulous wisp of a young Jewish woman named Helen to be his housemaid. Like Helen, you quickly learn to dread the very sight of Amon Goeth. Yet, your eyes stay glued to Fiennes every time he shows up on the camera. The performance is plain hypnotic; it amounts to a brutally precise account of a manic-depressive disaster waiting to happen."

Fiennes's research included trying to get a strong idea of how a German-speaking person like Goeth (who was Austrian, as was Hitler) felt after Germany's loss in World War L The result was a sense of humiliation and a strong nationalist undercurrent that Hitler used to create a worshipful following. (The similarities between Germany after World War I and Boris

brought forth nationalist Vladimir Zhiria-ovsky, are worth noting, Fiennes adds.) Someone like Amon Goeth, who morally wasn't fully formed, would suddenly have found a focus or a set of rules or ideas which gave him some kind of sense of purpose," Fiennes speculates.

"I tried to put myself in the position of reading 'Mein Kampf' and believing it and saying, 'Yes, he's right. Of course, here, yes. And here." As he talks, Figures seems to transform himself into Goeth: The eyes are suddenly cold, the face more animated than that of the delicate young artist who started the conversation a few moments earlier.

Figures, the man, returns: "None of these people are particularly of great intellect. He would have read 'Mein Kampf,' and for him, it probably had this veneer of being intellect. being intellectually competent, and I think that it would have been the starting point."

Then he switches on Goeth and contin ues in a firm staccato: "A complete certainty that Jewish people were a virus, they were the cause of decay, they infiltrated the whole wonderful Aryan culture with a dirty. disease-like effect and corrupted Aryan minds, and the propaganda machine of Hitler was brilliant, absolutely brilliant at creating this sense of certainty."

The actor added: "Despite all of that,

Steven was saying that whatever the set of beliefs these people have pulled onto them-selves, underneath they are, sort of, human beings." The director had warned that he did not want a simple "devil or a monster. He wanted a human being."

The monster Goeth shoots prisoners like clay pigeons from his mansion overlooking the camp. The human Goeth, who is clearly attracted to his Jewish cleaning woman. grabs her breast, circles her, cooing softly: "Is this really the face of a rat?" Then he realizes, in terror, that she is arousing him as a man. The monster returns, beating her violently, toppling a cabinet full of glass over her shivering body.

"I think that scene is so important, so

crucial, not just to the character but to the film." Figures says. "Actually, the Germans were human beings, and in a way they were tragic in their era. And I think in a way Amon Goeth is a tragic character. If he admits he's wrong, then his whole world, his whole reason for being, for understanding, who he is, falls apart."

Flemmes says that while in Poland making

the film he was reminded that people today are still infected with what he calls "Hitler's obscene set of beliefs." He recalls the day he was dressed in an SS costume and a Polish woman came up to him, smiling and nodding and seeming to be chatting amicably. Figures smiled back politely until a friend translated: "She said, The Germans were Germany after World War I and Boris charming people, and they didn't kill any-Yeltsin's dispirited Russia, which has one who didn't deserve it."

#### The King on Wheels And 3 Harleys to Go

It didn't exactly deal with pressing Middle East affairs, but King Hussein of Jordan found time to visit a Harley-Davidson showroom in the Washington area twice and made plans to drop about \$50,000 on three bikes. He startled customers at Rockville Harley-Davidson in Gaithersburg, Maryland, when he pulled into the parking lot with his 10-car motorcade and security detail to check out some wheels. The first expedition was apparently exploratory: he returned with Queen Noor. They reserved the bikes and then purchased about \$2,000 in clothes and accessories. which they took with them.

. п Beverly Sills has been elected chairman of Lincoln Center, succeeding George Weissman. The former soprano, 64, who became director of the New York City Opera after the stopped singing, is the first woman to take on the volunteer job.

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A popular British soap opera star collapsed in court and was taken to a London hospital after losing a libel suit against The Sun newspaper, which reported that she and her boyfriend had sex in a car parked on a public road. Gillian Taylforth, who with Geoff Knights could be hable for court costs of more than £500,000 (\$750,000), was described as in stable condition.

Vers Lym, 76, who entertained World War II troops with songs like "The White Cliffs of Dover," has been left out of the official 50th anniversary celebrations of the Dday landings in France, The Times of London reports. "And yes." she said, "I'm disappointed."

The conturier Karl Lagerfeid canceled an appearance at an awards ceremony in Berlin this month, fearing for his safety after offending some Muslims with his low-cut dresses bearing embroidered verses from the Koran. Lagerteld and Chanel, the house he designs for, apologized and said the dresses were being destroyed.

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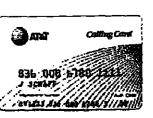
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